Supplications
OF
SAINTS
A BOOK of
PRAYERS and PRAISES,
In Four PARTS.

I. *Daniel's* Devotion.	I. Thrice every Day.
II. *Paul's* Assembly.	II. Companies.
III. *David's* Suit.	III. Every one alone.
IV. *Moses's* Song.	IV. Praises and Graces.

Wherein are Three most excellent Prayers, Made by the late Famous Queen
ELIZABETH.

The 14th Edition, Corrected and Enlarged.

By THOMAS SOROCOLD.

The smoke of the Incense which came with the Prayers of the saints, ascended up before God.
Rev. VIII.

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TO

TO

Prince *CHARLES*,

His moſt Excellent Highneſs.

Moſt Gracious Prince,

IT is now a Year almoſt ſince I preſum'd to preſent unto your Highneſs this ſmall Book, my poor *Mite* of *Devotion*, which your Siſter, that moſt virtuous Princeſs Palatine of the *Rhine*, challeng'd for her own, long before the Tranſlation of her into that Climate; hereupon finding your gracious Entertainment of it, and being minded further to ſatisfie the Deſires of God's People, whom I have found for Devotions ſake to take it all in good Part; I have lately revived this weak *Building*; and beſides ſome Reformations, I have inferr'd Additions of ſix ſmall Prayers, which I thought to be neceſſary for all good Chriſtians, and knew to be deſir'd by Divers. When it is at the beſt, it is no Preſent worthy ſo Noble a Prince; yet becauſe many Labours (tho' meanly qualify'd) have gain'd unexpected Credit after they had once obtain'd Honourable Patrons; I do now again offer it unto your Royal Hands, in all Humility, deſiring the continuance of your gracious Favour towards it, and then I ſhall continue as well to praiſe God for all your happy Deliverances, as to pray unto him earneſtly for the Multiplying of his Graces upon you, to the rejoycing of his Majeſty our Sovereign, and his well-

beloved *Queen*, your Royal Parents, besides the good of the Realm and Dominions; evermore crying out with the sweet Singer of *Israel*, *Give the King thy Judgments, O God! and thy Righteousness unto the King's Son.* Amen and Amen.

From the Rectory of St. Mildred *in the* Poultry, Lond. *Feb.* 1617.

Your Grace's,

In all Submission,

Tho. Sorocold.

A PREFACE TO ALL Devout People:

SHEWING,

I. The Neceſſity of Supplications and Prayers.
II. Why the Book is entitl'd, *Supplications of* SAINTS.

PAUL, *the bleſſed Apoſtle and Saint of God, was ſo well acquainted with the Practices and Devices of Satan, as appears in* 2 Cor. 2. *that he taketh great care (by writing, and otherwiſe) leſt that common Enemy ſhould get any Advantage of them: And this may be a juſt Cauſe why, amongſt other Precepts, he chargeth the* Coloſſians, *in* ch. 4 v 2. That they continue in prayer, and watch in the ſame with Thankſgiving. *That is, not to wax faint, nor ſlack therein. For ſuch as have learn'd of the Lord Jeſus (ſaith St.* Auguſtine) *true humility and meekneſs of Heart,* Receive more profit by Meditation and Prayer, than in Reading and Hearing; *whereby ye may be ſure the Religious Father meant not to reduce either the preaching of the Word, or the reading of anything that may make a Man Wiſe unto Salvation, but enforc'd a more reverent Reſpect, and more frequent Uſe of this Godly Exerciſe: That as Men*

are commanded to be Doers of the Word, *ſo they ſhould be* Seekers of Grace *to do it by, and not* Hearers *only*; for ſo (*ſaith the Apoſtle*) they ſhould deceive themſelves. *For when* Paul *had planted, and* Apollos *water'd*; *when one hath read a learned Treatiſe, and another hath heard a fruitful Sermon, they muſt refer the reſt to him that giveth the Encreaſe*; *and to whom will he give it*? *To him that* ſeeketh, *unto him that* knocketh, *to him that* asketh *humbly and devoutly in his Prayer*: *Follow then his Counſel, which ſaith,* Put up your Prayers to him, that he may ſend down his Grace to you. *And again, Beloved, all is not Peace, if we conſider of what Church we are, while we be in this World.* St. Paul *tells us, That we are in a* warfare, *and that* Prayer *is a principal Piece of our* Armour; *therefore his Counſel is,* Pray always, and watch thereunto. *For we cannot* (*as* Abiſhai *ſaid to* David, *concerning his Blow*) *make ſo ſure a Work at one* Prayer-time, *that we ſhould not need to come again with our ſecond*; *but rather ſo many are our Sins, as the Hairs of our Head*; *ſo many our Enemies, as the Stars in the Sky*; *and ſo fierce and ſtrong the Temper, as a roaring Lyon*: *That as the Man of God was angry with the King of* Iſrael (*becauſe when he bad him ſmite the Earth with his Dart, he ſmote only thrice*) *who ſhould have ſmitten five or ſix times, that he might have been aſſur'd of the overthrow of his Enemies. So God, that bids us continue in Prayer, will be Angry with us, if we pray not again and again, as the Importunate Widow in the Goſpel proſecuted her Suit*: *Yea, (to ſpeak of Devotion as he doth of Brotherly Remiſſion) if we pray not ſeven times, yea,* ſeventy times ſeven times, *that we may obtain a Bleſſing. To this purpoſe Chriſtian Brethren, I have been perſwaded to publiſh to your view and charitable Interpretation, this Handful of Flowers, pick'd, ſorted, and tied up in a Bundle, according to my ſlender Ability, both of Judgment and Invention. I have preſum'd alſo to entitle them*

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Supplications of Saints, *induc'd thereunto by three Reasons*; First, *Because they are squar'd to the Practice of three Holy Prophets, and the blessed Apostle St.* Paul. Secondly, *Three of these Prayers (which are indeed* Præstantiores, *far more eminent and excellent than all the rest, proceeding from humane Conceit) and were Penn'd and Us'd by the late noble Queen* Elizabeth, *of famous and happy Memory, and may justly claim the Denomination as the remains of her Devotion, who living a Religious and Peerless Princess, was accounted (as the* Wise Man *speaks) among the* Children of God, Saints by calling. *And now being taken from us, hath her* Portion amongst the Saints in Heaven. *The* Third *Reason is, because I hope they may be sometimes the Exercise of your selves who being called to the Participation of Jesus Christ, embracing the Gospel of God, and having receiv'd the Sacrament of Life, have also your parts in the Communion of Saints. I have not held such a Course as happily other Collectors of the like Devotions have done, and yet I hope you will not condemn me, but upon good Deliberation. I confess they are not mingled with Discourse, for God desireth not to take admonition or information from our Reports. Neither are they interlarded with Meditations: For the places of Scripture which I have prefix'd before every one, they will minister matter of that Devotion: Neither have I made any of them very long, to draw them into a thousand Periods (as* Chrysostom *saith) as if it were a goodly Work to multiply much Speech before God, but I have made them somewhat brief, aiming at the Rule which our Lord and Saviour prescrib'd, saying,* After this manner pray ye; *that is (said* Chrysostom *again)* He appointed the Disciples to gather the Petition of their Prayers into a short Sum. *Wherefore if ye find them worthy the name of Prayers, so use them; if otherwise, yet take them as mean (I do not say main) Grounds and poor Helps, to do Service here and there; in your deeper Me-*

divisions, when your Devotion arises to do the daily Sacrifice, with his Liberty; but where I have been Defective, I refer it to the Judicious to supply; and where I have offer'd any thing Vain or Offensive, I am content to admit a Godly Corrector. I speak to them that have Understanding, judge you what I say: And I shall pray unto the Holy One of Israel in Heaven, that your Inspiration may be Heavenly, your Desires Holy, and your Prayers here Fervent and Frequent; and there acceptable before the Throne of his Majesty, for the Relief of your Necessities, and for the setting forth of his Glory in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Yours in the Lord,

T. S.

THE most absolute Prayer, and best Rule of all Holy Petitions, is that which our Lord and Saviour taught his Disciples; a Prayer large for Matter, short for Phrase, and sweet for Order; which having paraphras'd (*thus as you see*) I thought it not to good to insert it into this Bundle, as to place it here alone before them all, as a *Supplication*, not appropriate to any part, but appertaining, or giving Life to all, and fit to conclude every one.

EXOD. V. 14.

Yesterday, and to Day, as heretofore.

A PARAPHRASE UPON THE Lord's PRAYER.

O OUR FATHER { By right of Creation, Merit of Mercy, Gracious Provision.

Which art in Heaven, { The Seat of thy Majesty, The Inheritance of thy Children. The Kingdom of Bliss.

Hallowed be thy Name. { By the Thought of our Hearts, By the Words of our Mouth, By the Works of our Hands.

Thy Kingdom come. { Of Grace, to inspire us; Of Power, to defend us; Of Glory, to crown us.

Thy will be done, { In Weal and Woe, In Fulness and Want, In Life and Death.

In Earth as it is in Heaven. { In us as it is in thine Angels; willingly, readily, faithfully, without murmur, lets, deceit.

Give

Give us this day our daily Bread. { For the Nouriſhing of our Bodies, / For the feeding of our Souls, / The relief of all Neceſſities.

And forgive us our debts. { Whereby thou art diſhonour'd, / Our Neighbour wrong'd, or / Ourſelves endanger'd.

As we forgive our debtors. { That have hurt us in our bodies, / Hinder'd us in our goods, / Wrong'd us in our good name.

And lead us not into Temptation. { Of the wicked World, / The enticing fleſh, or / The envious Devil.

But deliver us from Evil. { Forgive what is paſt, / Remove what is preſent, / Prevent what is to come.

For thine is the Kingdom, Power and Glory. { To rule and govern all, / To command and do all, / In all, and by all, all in all.

Now and for ever. { At this preſent, / In this World, / In the World to come.

AMEN. { As thou ſay'ſt, ſo it is, / As thou promiſeſt, ſo it ſhall be, / As we pray, ſo be it, Lord.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS

Beginning with the

LETTERS of the NAME

ELIZABETH.

E

EVery day, O Almighty God, and Heavenly Father, will I pray unto thee to have Mercy upon me, and to keep me in thy Grace, Favour and Love. Every Day will I give thanks unto thee for thy gracious Redemption of my Body and Soul from Sin, Death and Hell.

Every day will I laud thy holy Name, O Holy Ghost, God's Spirit, Heart's Joy, Elects Comforter, beseeching thee Blessed Trinity, in sacred Unity to replenish my Heart with all charitable Desires, and Heavenly Inspirations, necessary to Salvation. Amen.

L

LAy to thy helping Hand, O Lord, strengthen the weak Condition of my Faith and pour thine Oyl of Grace into my wounded Heart, that I may be able to walk in the Ways of thy Commandments without proof, and receive Comforts in all Needs and Necessities. Amen.

I

IT is Pity and Compassion, O Lord, alone which must cover mine unworthiness, therefore renouncing all Merit in my self, I fly unto thee for Succour; leave me not, O Lord, but preserve me with thy goodness, now and evermore. Amen.

Z

ZEalous, O Lord, I am of thy Truth; wherefore I pray thee sanctifie my Heart to a right Conversation in this World: direct me by thy Laws, that I never step beyond the limits of my Duty, and suffer me not to enter into any Action which either may dishonour thee, or bring my Life into Infamy. Amen.

A

ADmit, O merciful Lord, to thy gracious Favour: Many are the Dangers of this Life; and I have no Patron to defend me but thee. Heaven is thine, and the Earth is thine; keep me on Earth as one of thine, and bring me to Heaven to reign with thee. Amen.

B

BLessed Lord, I have sinned, but my Pardon is with thee. If I were as sinful as Mary Magdalen, as outragious as the prodigal Son, and as bashful to some near as the Publican; yet Jesus hath made Satisfaction for my Sins, therefore in Mercy forgive me now and evermore. Amen.

E

ENter not into Judgment with a poor Creature, O Lord, Dust and Ashes is my State here; only I am created after thine Image, for a better World: Destroy not then the Work of thine own Hands, but shew thy Mercy and Goodness unto me this Day and evermore. Amen.

T

THink upon me, O Lord, thy Word never faileth, and thy Compassions have no End, by the Power of the one, and the Substance of the other; Purifie me from all Iniquity, and lead me into all Truth, this Day and evermore. Amen.

H

HAve mercy upon me, O Lord, accept my Prayers which I pour out before thee, and grant my Requests. Mercifully prosper the Things that I take in hand; save me from mine Enemies; a blessed Life and happy End, good Lord, send me. Amen.

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Supplications OF SAINTS.

The First Part.

DANIEL's Devotion.

Dan. VI. 10.

He kneeled upon his Knees three times a Day and Pray'd, and gave Thanks before his God.

Aug. in Psal.

In the Evening of Things past; in the Morning of Things to come; at Noon of Eternal.

This Part containeth private Prayers for Morning, Noon, and Evening, every Day in the Week.

Also Four other Prayers, for Morning and Evening only.

Likewise two Prayers, or Meditations upon the Passion of our Blessed Saviour.

BRITISH MUSEUM

SUNDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. 145. 10. *All my Works praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints shall bless thee.*

Psal. 119. 170. *O let my Supplications come before thee; deliver me according to thy word.*

O Lord God Almighty, and ever living Father, and thou well-beloved Son of the Father, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, Holy Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Eternal God, Lord of the Sabbath, and Fountain of all Wisdom, I do not present these my Supplications before thee upon my own Righteousness, but in thy great Mercies. I trust in them truly, I trust in them only, without any other Plea, I trust in them always without Weariness: And therefore, I beseech thee grant me merciful Audiences. Mercifully hear me, O Lord, mercifully hear me, O Lord God. First I extol thy infinite Goodness and Mercy, together with thy Eternal Wisdom and Truth, that thou hast protected me all this Night past, and made me to rest and sleep so quietly and securely under the Shadow of thy Wings. And I beseech thee (from the Bottom of my Heart) to protect me this Day with thy mighty Hands from all Dangers both of Body and Soul.

Give thy holy Angels charge over me, to keep me in all my Ways; drive away the evil Angel, and deadly Enemy; and remove from me all Offences of this World. Mortify and kill in me all carnal Lusts, unlawful Pleasures, and evil Affections, that they may have no Dominion over me, or reign in my mortal Body; and give me a contrite Heart to bewail my former Life; and let me find Comfort in thy Mercy, for the Remission of my Sins.

Sanctify

Sanctify me (O Holy Trinity) this holy Day, with thine especial Grace, that I may honour thee as a Creator, love thee as a Redeemer, and expect thee as a Saviour; and that I may have modest Carriage in my Behaviour, true Devotion in my Prayers, and reverend Attention to hear thy holy Word, and so unlock the Ears of my Understanding, that I may observe, learn, and embrace such Things as are necessary for me, to the better Confirmation of my *Faith* in Christ Jesus, and the Salvation of my Soul by his Blood. Raise me, O Father, by the Power of thy Son's Resurrection, from Sin and Iniquity, and give me spiritual Rest, Peace and Joy in the Communion of Saints, that hereafter, when I shall leave this World, I may keep the everlasting Sabbath with thee in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Behold, O Lord, I knock at the Door of thy Mercy for all these Graces, with all the Powers of my Strength, Soul, and Mind; beseeching thee to continue unto me the right Use of all the Powers and Faculties of the same, and to send thy Holy Spirit to bear witness to my Spirit that I am thy Child, and shall be Heir of thy Kingdom with *Christ Jesus* our Lord, and thro' his Merits; for whose sake I beseech thee to grant all those Things that I have prayed for. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer for the Ministers of the Word.

O Lord Jesus, which hast commanded us to pray for Labourers to thy Harvest, we beseech thee send painful Ministers into thy Church. Endue them with such Wisdom and Speech, as the Adversaries may not be able to gainsay. Open unto them the Door of Doctrine and Utterance; give them the Spirit of Boldness, that they may faithfully dispense thy Mysteries, and speak thy Word freely and boldly;

Take

Take away all Contentions and Differences from among them: Make them Examples to those that believe, in Soundneſs of Doctrine, and Pureneſs of Life. And becauſe the Rule of our Life depends upon thy Word in their Mouths, bleſs them with all Graces fit for their Calling, that we may give Thanks unto thee for them, finding thy Bleſſing upon us in and by their holy Labours, and praiſe thy Name for evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY. Evening Prayer.

Gen. xviii. 27, 30. *Behold, I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto my Lord; O let not my Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak.*

O Eternal God, and merciful Father, from the Bottom of my Heart I give thee continual Thanks, that of thy Mercy thou haſt nouriſh'd me with thy Goodneſs, preſerv'd me by thy Power, and govern'd me by thy Word and Holy Spirit this Day, and all this Week paſt; yea, and at all other Times of my Life hitherto. And I moſt humbly beſeech thee, in the Merits of Chriſt Jeſus my Saviour, not not to reſpect mine Unworthineſs, but in his Grave to cover and bury all my Miſdeeds which I have either wittingly or ignorantly done; and in particular, O Lord, thoſe which in this Week paſt I have committed, in Thought, Word, or Deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty.

Water, O Lord, with the Dew of thy Grace, the Seed of thy Holy Word, which I have received this Day, that with ſound Judgment and godly Devotion I may put in practice ſuch Things as I know to be pleaſing to thy Divine Majeſty: And that my Heart being always obedient to thy Commandments, and the Fear of mine Enemies taken away from me, I may paſs

pass my Time in Peace and Holiness, thro' thy gracious Protection.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, forgive the Evil that I have committed, supply the Good which I have omitted, restore what I have lost, heal my Sores, cleanse my Filthiness, lighten my Darkness, and alter the whole State of my Mind, Dispositions, and Affections, that nothing may be wanting to good Purpose in me.

O Lord, stretch out thy Hand over me, and of thy wonted Goodness defend me this Night from all Evil. Keep me from all fearful and wicked Dreams, unprofitable Cares, vain Cogitations, and outward Violence. Preserve my Body from eternal Death, and my Soul from everlasting Damnation. Compass me about on every side with thy Grace, inwardly and outwardly, that when I shall either take due Care for the Things of this Life, or carefully seek for those Things which appertain to the Kingdom of Heaven, I may hear the Voice of the Holy Spirit sounding in my Heart from the Mouths of thy Apostle, *My God shall fulfil all your Necessities, through his Riches, with Glory in Jesus Christ.* Grant, O Lord, these and all other Graces meet for me, even for Jesus Christ his sake, my only Lord and Saviour. In whose Name I farther pray unto thee, saying that Prayer which he in his Gospel hath taught us, *Our Father*, &c.

MONDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. lxvi. 20. *Blessed be God, which hath not turn'd away my Prayer, nor his Mercy from me.*

O Heavenly Father, and Almighty God, who beyond all measure hast unlocked the Treasure of thy Favour and Blessing unto me from time to time. I most heartily thank thee for the sweet Sleep and com-

comfortable Reſt which I have taken this Night thro' thy gracious Preſervation of me. And now, O Lord, I conſecrate my Soul and Body to thy Service this Day again, and ever hereafter, deſiring that my Prayer, early now this Morning, may have acceſs unto thee.

O Lord, I pray thee bleſs, preſerve, and keep me this Day, by thy Power, from Sin, Shame, and all Evil, and ſo direct me with thy Grace, that all my Thoughts, Words, and Works, may pleaſe thee. Stand, I beſeech thee, between me and mine Enemies, bodily and ghoſtly; eſpecially Satan, and all his Aſſaults and Snares that he ſetteth for me daily. And as thou haſt now raiſed up my Body from a ſound and heavy Sleep, ſo deliver my Soul from the dead ſleep of Sin, and the Darkneſs of this World. Help, O Lord, thy Creature, which dependeth upon thy Providence only.

O Lord Jeſus, have Mercy upon me miſerable Sinner; pardon and forgive me all my Sins, Negligences, and Ignorances. Remember not my Obſtinaces, and have Compaſſion upon mine Infirmities. Set thy holy Paſſion, Croſs, and Death, between thy Judgment and my Soul's Danger, both now and at the Hour of Death.

Of thy Mercy, O Lord, ſtrengthen my Weakneſs, and mortify my corrupt Nature, enclining to Swearing, Wantonneſs, Lying, or any Sin whatſoever: And grant that I may ſo walk in thy Ways by the Light of thy Holy Word, that no worldly Vanity bewitch me to ſell myſelf to work Wickedneſs, but that I may, in a ſpecial manner, ſtrive againſt thoſe Sins that my corrupt Nature is prone unto.

O holy Father, grant me a ſound Mind, and an upright Heart, and the right Uſe of my Senſes continually, that knowing what I do, and practiſing what I know, I may worthily lament the Wickedneſs of my

my Life, and ever, upon my unfeigned Repentance, feel thy Comforts rejoycing my Soul, and never forget the Desire of the Life to come, but diligently fix my Heart and Affections on heavenly Things. O Lord, bless me in all the Passages of this Pilgrimage; further my Business, that I may truly walk without Sin, and safely work without Danger in that Vocation whereunto thou hast called me in this Life; and after Death, O Lord, restore my Body and Soul to Life eternal. Hear my Prayer, O Lord God, for Jesus Christ his sake, my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer to God the Father.

O Merciful God, and loving Father, on whose Providence we depend for all our Necessaries, we thank thee for our royal Creation after thine own Image, and all other good Graces now and ever bestow'd upon us. Give us Grace, we pray thee, so to live as becometh thy Children in all Holiness and Righteousness. Incline our Hearts to thy Law, and not to Covetousness. Open the Eyes of our Understandings, that we may behold the secret Things of thy Law. Make us fruitful in all good Works. Forgive us our Sins, and wash us in the Blood of thy Son. Cleanse our Hearts, and renew our Minds to thy holy Will. Prosper the Works of our Hands, and bring us safely from all Dangers to the End of this Day, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

MONDAY.

MONDAY. Evening Prayer.

Psal. 55. 17. Evening, and Morn, and at Noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear me.

Almighty God, Lord of Heaven and Earth, which giveſt infinite Occaſion unto every Creature to praiſe thy holy Name; I, who have been Partaker not of the leaſt of thy Mercies, am ready with the holy Prophet, that mine Eyes may prevent the Night watches: And I repair unto thee now again, when the Day is paſt, entreating thee to accept this mine Evening Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thanks for the Depth of thy Goodneſs, which I am not able to expreſs; and the Sea of thy Mercies which have over-flow'd to me in a good and comfortable Meaſure this Day, to my great Comfort, Seaſon, O Lord, my Senſes, inward and outward, with the Salt of thy Grace, that with a ſanctify'd Heart I may make a godly Uſe of all thoſe good Things which I have heard, ſeen, or read this Day in thy ſacred Word. And farther, lighten mine Eyes, that I ſleep not in Death, nor walk in ſpiritual Darkneſs, ſpiritual or corporal, to endanger either Body or Soul.

Yet, O Lord, I beſeech thee, let mine Eyes ſleep and enjoy that moderate Recreation and Refreſhing which thou haſt appointed for the wearieſom Condition of my weak Body, but let my Soul continually watch unto thee, to attend thy Coming, that, when my Sleep hath not been unmeaſurable (to pleaſe exceſſively the Eaſe of my Fleſh) I may thereby be the better diſpos'd to thy Service to morrow, to ſuch Duties as thou haſt or ſhall call me unto; and in all the Ways that I ſhall walk, to ſet forth thy Glory in them.

Preſerve me, O Lord, from all Dangers that walk

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in the Night, and keep me from all the Temptations and Suggestions of him that is the Prince of Darkness. Forgive me the Sins and Offences which I have committed this Day, in Thought, Word, and Deed, either against thee or my Neighbour. Give me Grace to water my Couch with the Tears of true and unfeign'd Repentance for all my former Sins, and grant that I may so pass the Residue of my Life, as that in Regard of thy Justice I may retain a holy Fear, to stand always in Awe of thee, and in Regard of the Mercy, I may conceive sure Hope, never to despair or distrust in thee.

O Lord, keep me this Night both in Body and Soul, that I may with the next Light joyfully rise again, be thankful unto thee, and carefully walk in my Vocation and Calling, to the Glory of thy Holy Name, and the Commodity of my Neighbour, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TUESDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. 90. 14. *O satisfie us early with thy Mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our Days.*

O Blessed Lord God, great in Power, fearful in Judgment, and rich in Mercy; which bindest, and no Man looseth, and lookest, and no Man bindeth: I yield thee most humble and hearty Thanks, for that of thy Fatherly Goodness thou hast vouchsaf'd me this Night's Sleep in Peace and Rest; and again loosing the Bonds wherewith I was tyed, hast given me Power to see this Morning Light. Now, O Lord, (I beseech thee) pour upon me this Day the heavenly Dew of thy comfortable Blessing, that thro' the Operation of thy gracious Beams, I that am a poor Tree, Weak and Barren in my self, may

may Bud forth, and bear the Fruits of true Faith in my Life and Converſation. Continue this Goodneſs and Mercy towards me, and by thy Power raiſe me from the deep Sleep of all Unrighteouſneſs; diſcharge me from the Works of Darkneſs; Mortifie and Subdue them by thy Spirit, that they may not have any Dominion over me; and cloth me with the Armour of Light, that I may walk honeſtly as in the Day, and live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godlily in this preſent World.

Grant me, O Lord, true Underſtanding and Knowledge of thy Word, which is the Glaſs of thy Will. Encreaſe in me all godly Deſires, together with true Contrition of Heart, that I may unfeignedly deſpiſe the Pleaſures of this World, and with hearty Repentance be converted unto thee; Send thy holy Angels to guide me, and keep me in all thy Ways, and proſper the Work of my Hands, that I never fail in my Vocation to do ſome good to all Men, and eſchew (if it be poſſible) all Evil, and the Occaſions and Appearances thereof.

O Lord, I beſeech thee, preſerve and keep my Heart ſound and upright, that I be neither corrupted by Proſperity, nor caſt down by Adverſity, nor be too fearful of thy Judgments, or too bold upon thy Mercy. But grant me Grace, O mercy Lord, that I may apprehend all Things that come from thee with a Religious contented Mind, and in the End of my Days, by a lively Faith, may Joyfully arrive in the Land of Promiſe, the Kingdom of Heaven, thro' the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer to God the Son.

O Bleſſed Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Son of the Eternal God, bleſſed be thy Name for our Redemption; great was thy Love, ſore was thy Paſſion: Print in our Minds, we beſeech thee, the continual Memory thereof, that we may Love thee which ſo Loveſt us; and evermore Praiſe thee, that haſt bought us at ſo dear a Price. Reject not our Prayers, which we Offer to be preſented to thy Father, but mercifully Help us, and Heal all our Infirmities, encreaſe our Faith, and teach us Obedience, forgive our Offences, and hide us in and by thy Wounds, from thy Father's juſt Wrath. Make good thy Promiſes unto us for the World to come, and enable us with thy Grace for the Performance of all thy Commandments. Proſper, O Lord, our Handy work, and bring us ſafely to the End of this Day, for thy Truth, and for thy Name ſake. *Amen.*

TUESDAY. Evening Prayer.

Pſal. 146. 5. *Happy is he that hath the God of* Jacob *for his Help, whoſe Hope is in the Lord his God.*

O Moſt holy Father, and my gracious God, which giveſt unto all Sorts of Men the chearful Light of the Day, that by thine Aſſiſtance, and in thy Fear, they may follow their honeſt Vocations, and likewiſe ſendeſt the ſilent Night, that then they may Reſt their wearied Limbs, buſied Minds, and ſo return their due Thanks for thy Goodneſs; I, ſinful Creature, do heartily Laud and Praiſe thee for the total Sum of all thy Mercies, whereof I have been this Day a Partaker.

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O Lord, I am Vile, look not upon mine Unworthineſs, Folly, and Wickedneſs, but appeaſe thy Anger juſtly conceived againſt me, and forgive what hath been amiſs in me this Day, or at any other Time, even for his ſake who is thy well-beloved Son, and my dear Advocate.

Root up, O Lord, the Thorns of mine Inclinations and Affections, and in their Place make the Fruits of Vertue to ſpring; inflame my Heart with the Deſire of heavenly Love, that I may keep thy Commandments with Zeal as hot as Fire, loving thee above all Things, and my Neighbour as my ſelf.

Give me Grace, O Lord, to ſerve thee in true Faith, Fear and Holineſs, all the Days of my Life, and to overcome my mortal Enemies, the Deſire of the World, the Pleaſures of the Fleſh, and the Suggeſtions of the wicked Spirit, remembring my Promiſe made unto thee in Baptiſm, for the Performance whereof, I depend only upon thy Holy Spirit.

O God of Light let thine Angels pitch their Tents round about this Houſe for our Defence now in the time of this Darkneſs, and grant this Night's Sleep may be quiet unto me, without Grief or Trouble. Preſerve me and mine, both in Body and Soul, from all Dangers and Offences, which may come either by fooliſh Dreams, noiſome Spirits, or Uncleanneſs of corrupt Nature. Waken me again, O Lord, in due Time, and let me behold the Light of the next Day to my Comfort, prepare my Heart and Mind for thy Service every Day in all Truth and Sincerity, that when I have run the Race of this Life, thou mayſt be pleas'd to call me to be Partaker of a Better, that ſo I may Live and Reign with thee evermore, through Jeſus Chriſt our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. 143. 8. *Cause me to hear thy loving Kindness in the Morning, for in thee do I trust; shew me the way wherein I shall walk, for I lift my Soul unto thee.*

O Blessed God, and merciful Father, the never-going down Sun of the World, which bringeth forth, nourisheth, refresheth, and renewest all Things both in Heaven and Earth; I thy poor Creature most humbly Thank thee, that thou hast preserv'd me in this last Darkness, and every Night and Day hitherto, under thy Protection, suffering me to live until this present Hour; that thou hast Succour'd and Defended me in all my Needs and Necessities, and hast provided so Graciously and Mercifully for me. Now I beseech thee (Lord) do not abridge the Hand of thy Mercy toward me, but let the Spring of thy Grace flowing from the Sanctuary of thy Goodness, arise to all Parts of my Body and Soul in such Propotion as may be for thy Glory and my Comfort.

Mortifie (O my God) all the corrupt Affections that are in me; cleanse me from my secret Faults, and Pardon the innumerable Sins which I have committed. Fill me this Day with thy Grace, that I may not spend it, but to the Honour of thy Name. Set a Watch before the Door of my Mouth, and order the Course of my Lips, that I may utter nothing unadvisedly, either before thee or Men; keep my Senses within their Limits; set my Heart in a new Frame of Obedience; and keep it in the same; direct my Will in that which is Good, and order my Judgment for the right accomplishment of those Things that appertain to my Vocation.

O Lord, defend me from all Shame and Disgrace of Life; shield me from all Violence and Force of Enemies, and guide me safely thro' all perilous and dangerous Ways. Make me as thy Spouse, inwardly and outwardly prepar'd and adorn'd by Grace, that I may be presented a pure Virgin unto Christ. Display upon me the Banners of thy Love, let thine Eye upon me for Good, and not for Evil, that with the Eye of Faith I may behold and see the Cross of Christ and his sacred Wounds, the comfortable Price of my Redemption, and may have such fast Footing in this Christian Warfare, that nothing may make me yield to the Temptation of the Devil. O Lord, so strengthen me with thy Hand, and furnish me with thy Grace, in this Vale of Misery, that all the Members of my Body may follow the Direction of my Heart, and my Heart being sincerely Knit unto thee, I may wholly serve thee in Holiness and Righteousness all the Days of my Life; for Jesus Christ his sake, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Spirit, the Author and Giver of Life, which hast guided me thus far this Day, and guarded me from manifold Evils; I Praise thee, I Bless thee, I Glorifie thee, for thy great Mercy; continue thy Goodness toward me, I beseech thee, tho' I deserve it not, inspire my Mind with holy Motions, convert me from Evil, confirm me in all that is Good.

Comfort me, thou Comforter, when I shall have most Need. Clear the Storm of Temptation, and enflame the Coldness of my Zeal with the Fire of thy holy Spirit, and of the Love wrought in the People thereby. Lead me into all Truth, and re-

claim me when I go Astray. O Prosper the Work of my Hands; bring me safely from all Dangers to the end of this Day, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY. Evening Prayer.

With hold not thy tender Mercies from me. O Lord, let thy loving Kindness, and thy Truth always preserve me.

O Lord, God, then who art my Love, my Life, the length and strength of my Days, I most heartily Thank thee for keeping me this Day from manifold Dangers both of Body and Soul, which might justly have fallen upon me. Now I humbly beseech thee, bring not into Judgment what I have done Amiss this Day, but mercifully Pardon the Escapes and Offences of my frail Nature. Forgive and forget (O Lord) all mine idle and vain Words, and impute not my Foolishness unto me. Remit unto me all my Aberrations and going Astray from thy Law. Destroy in me the Kingdom of Sin, the Power of Satan, the Desires of the World, and the vain Delights of the Flesh.

Lord, into thy Hands I commend my self, even my Soul and Body, this Night and ever; lighten my Darkness, that I Sleep not in Death, and defend me, that no Evil happen unto me, but that by thy Blessing I may rest safely.

Comfort me, Lord, in all those Things wherein I have been any ways Dismaid this Day. Take not thy holy Spirit from me, but continue the Motions thereof in my Heart, and make me careful to use all good Means to cherish and stir them up, that when as the Temper shall come with his Assaults, I may be furnish'd with the Shield of Faith, to quench his fiery Darts.

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Strengthen my Weakneſs, and grant that this Night's Sleep may be ſweet and healthful to my Body, and a profitable Memorial of that Sleep which at my laſt End, in that great Night, ſhall make a Separation between my Body and Soul.

Let always thine unſpeakable Mercy preſerve me, thy endleſs Sweetneſs rejoyce me, thy Heavenly Truth ſtrengthen me, thy Knowledge embolden me, and thy Goodneſs keep me, now and for evermore, from mine Enemies viſible and inviſible, that may awake in the Morning in perfect Senſe and good Health, and for the ſame be Thankful unto thee, and carefully betake me to my Vocation and Calling, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, my only Saviour. *Amen.*

THURSDAY. Morning Prayer.

Pſal. 145. 18. *The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in Truth.*

O Lord God, which art the Light which no Man can attain unto, and yet lighteneſt every one that cometh into the World, mercifully driving away the Darkneſſes of the Night, and Shadow of Death, I praiſe thy holy Name, and thank thee moſt humbly, that thou haſt vouchſafed me the Favour to paſs this Night in ſuch a comfortable Reſt, and to be brought again ſafe and ſound unto the Morning Light. Now (I beſeech thee) by thy Myſtery of the Holy Incarnation, and the begilled Nativity of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt (the three happy Day-ſtar that appeared to the World) let thy Mercy this Day ariſe upon me, and let the bright Beams of thy Light, ſhine into my Heart, that I be not Tranſported either through the Corruption of Nature, or power of Darkneſs, to ſpend this Day after mine own Mind and Pleaſure, but that I may carefully follow the

Heavenly Light of thy Word, to perform thy blessed Will.

Encrease in me (O Lord) the Gift of Faith and Hope, that I may believe in thee, and thy Promises made in Christ, and diligently Labour to find in my Soul those Graces to which thou hast annex'd thy Promises; and grant, that neither by mine own Negligence, nor the Infirmity of the Flesh, nor the Grievousness of Temptations, I be driven away from a sure Confidence of a gracious Acceptance with thee in the Merit of his sacred Blood. Disperse the thick Mists and Clouds of my sinful Life, which Blemish my Soul, and darken my Understanding, and wash away all such Pollutions in the Blood of his Passion, that I may be acknowledg'd for one of thine, when I come unto thee in my Need. Give me a Will to work duly and truly in my Vocation this Day without Idleness, and order my Skill with the Rule of thy Wisdom, that I be not unfruitful. Bless my Body and Soul, that no Evil nor Harm come unto them; and keep my Memory and Senses, that they pass not the Limits of that Understanding and Reason where with thou hast endu'd me.

O Lord, lighten my Mind to look upon good Things (only) enflame my Heart with a love of them: Conduct me by thy Grace to attain them, that as thou hast now awaked my Body from Sleep, so my Soul may daily be raised from the Slumber of Sin, and Darkness of this World, and they both being Companions and Fellows in the Ways of Godliness, may be Partakers of everlasting Life, at the latter Day; thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

NOON.

NOON.

A Prayer for Sobriety.

O Lord God, which haſt commanded us to be Sober, direct my Paths in the right Way of Sobriety, Spiritual and Corporal; ſuffer me not this Day, nor any other, to abuſe thy good Creatures, or turn thy Grace into Wantonneſs; let me not be overcome with Surfeiting and Drunkenneſs, but avoid all Superfluity, uſing all Temperance and Moderation both in Meats and Drinks. Grant me a ſtaid Mind, a grave and ſober Diſpoſition, and an humble and lowly Conceit of my ſelf; bleſs me that I may be Wiſe, but to Sobriety; that I may live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godlily in this preſent World, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

THURSDAY. Evening Prayer.

Pſal. 145. 9. *The Lord is Good to all, and his tender Mercies are over all his Works.*

O Lord God, my moſt loving and merciful Father, great in Mercy, and conſtant in Truth, I do acknowledge my bounden Duty of Thankfulneſs unto thee, for thy manifold Graces and Benefits imparted unto me this Day. Tho' I be unable to recount them, and far more unworthy to be partaker of them, nevertheleſs, in full Aſſurance and Confidence of thy Love to me in Chriſt Jeſus, I preſume to come unto thee, and now again commit into thy Hands this Night my Soul and Body, and all my Senſes, my Thoughts, Affections, Words, and Deeds, all within me, and all without me, my Faith, and my Countenance in the ſame; beſeeching thee of thy Mercy,

to keep me and them Day and Night, Blameless and Undefiled, against the Day of thy coming.

Lord, pardon (I pray thee) and forgive me all the Sins which this Day I have either wretchedly affected, or wickedly imagin'd against thine Honour, and the good of my Neighbour: Lay not the Faults and Frailties of my younger Years unto my Charge: O Lord forget them, O Lord forgive them: And for the better Confirmation of thy gracious Pardon, I humbly entreat thee, (O Lord) to annex unto thy Grant, the Power of thy Grace to attend upon me, that I may not do mine own Will, but thine, in eschewing Evil, and doing Good. Strike my Heart (Lord) with thy Fear, that in fearing thee I may Labour to escape those Things which thou threatnest, and give me the Comfort of thy Salvation, that in loving thee I may be thought worthy to obtain those Things which thou hast promis'd. Be favourable unto me, O Lord, that I may this Night quietly take my Rest under the Shadow of thy Wings, void of all Fear, Spiritual Darkness, Danger, and Despair; and when the dark End of this mortal Life (like the Shutting in of this Day) shall come, grant me (O Lord) a watchful Heart, willingly dispos'd, and throughly enabl'd with thy Grace to abandon these transitory Nights and Days, and depart hence in the Peace of a good Conscience, into thine everlasting Rest, thro' Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer, in whose Name I further pray unto thee, saying that Form of Prayer that he hath Taught us,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

ERIDAN

FRIDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. 73. 25. *Whom have I in Heaven but thee? And there is none upon Earth that I desire beside thee.*

O Almighty Lord, my mighty Creator and my God, I thine unworthy Servant give thee most humble and hearty Thanks for thy gracious Protection and Preservation of me in Health, Wealth, and Safety this Night past, and all other Times. And now I beseech thee, so direct me by thy holy Spirit, that I may this Day live and walk according to thy good Will and Pleasure, in all harmless Manner, to the Profit and Good of my Neighbours, and in all Holiness and Righteousness, for thy Glory.

Lighten my Mind, O Lord, by the true Understanding of thy Holy Word, that without all Vanity, or Curiosity, I may seek to know what is that good perfect, and acceptable Will, and may also unfeignedly express what I know in my Life and Conversation.

O Lord, I confess and acknowledge all the Sins which I have committed against thy Law; but on bended Knees I beseech thee, enter not into Judgment with thy Servant for them, but wipe them away in thy Son's Blood. Bless my Judgment and all my Senses, that no sudden Motions make me conceive my Grief for far, as to forfeit my reasonable Understanding; neither that I be so blinded in Understanding, as to misconceive any Parcel of thy Truth, or maintain, or hold any error, or erroneous Fancy. Send, O Lord thy Blessing upon all my Labours and Travels in this World, that I may have where withal to relieve my Necessities upon all Occasions. Endue me with thy Fear, give me an humble Mind, godly Sorrow, and a good Conscience, that I may carry an honest and upright

upright Meaning to deal justly and truly with all Men.

O Lord, temper and order all Things unto me in such a peaceable Course, that I may never be farther Tempted than thou wilt make me able to bear; and so work for me, O my God, as may be most to thy Glory, and my Comfort. Give me Patience in all Provocations and Trials, and Faith in all Temptations; and so Arm me with thy Grace and Assistance, that I may walk warily and wisely this Day, and all the Days of my Life, for Jesus Christ his sake, mine only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer for Chastity.

ALmighty Lord, which knowest that in our Flesh dwelleth no Good, and yet hath vouchsafed to make our Bodies the Temple of the Holy Ghost, give me Grace that I may always Crucifie the Flesh with all the inordinate Affections, and inordinate Desires thereof, and bring it into Subjection unto the Spirit. Quench the Flames of carnal Motions in me, abate the Heat of foul Lust, and let me not be led away by the Enticements of any wanton Company. I know my Members be the Members of Christ, and therefore sanctifie me (I beseech thee) that whether I live in the State of Matrimony, or a Single Life, I may avoid all Uncleanness, and always possess my Vessel, not in the Lust of Concupiscence, but in Holiness and Honour, that it may be a Temple for thy self to delight and dwell in, for Jesus sake *Amen.*

FRIDAY

FRIDAY. Evening Prayer.

Pſal. 73. 28. *It is good for me to draw near unto God; I have put my Truſt in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy Works.*

O Eternal God, my merciful and loving Father, in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord, I render unto thy Majeſty due Praiſe and Thanks for thy Fatherly Goodneſs, in Protecting me this Day from many Dangers and Dammages, which might juſtly have happen'd unto me, if thou ſhouldeſt ſtrictly have obſerv'd what I have deſerved, and now (I beſeech thee) to keep and protect me this Night alſo; preſerve me and mine in thy Fatherly Providence, and all thoſe that depend upon me. Have Mercy upon me (O God) have Mercy upon me, and of thy wonted Goodneſs forgive me all my Tranſgreſſions, eſpecially thoſe which I have committed this Day againſt thy ſacred Majeſty; ſhew me the Light of thy Countenance, and let me find Comfort in the Remorſe of Conſcience.

Bleſs me (O Lord) and Water me with the Dew of thy Bleſſings, and let the Drops of (thy Son's Blood ſhed for my Sins, (and yet crying for thy Mercy) Diſtil into my Heart by a lively Faith, for the Comfort of my Soul, and the Amendment of my Life.

I beſeech thee (O Lord) take from me all manner of Darkneſs, Misbelief, Infidelity, Carnal Luſts and Affections, and ſo ſtrengthen me with thy Grace, that the Bark of my weak Faith ſink not through the Storms of Satan's Temptation, nor my Hope be overturn'd through the Weight of my Unworthineſs, nor any of thy good Graces extinguiſh'd or blemiſh'd, by the Ways of a wicked Converſation. Enter thy Judgments into the Tables of my Heart, that I may be content to ſpare my ordinary Sleep, to muſe of all

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thy Commandments, and that I may be more earnest upon the Meditation of thy sacred Word, than the Kings of the Nations have been to turn over their Records in the Night Season. Be mindful of me, when I happen to forget my self, and think upon me, O Lord, sleeping and waking.

Keep me (O Lord) this Night, preserve even me and mine, that we be neither disquieted by Dreams, nor surpriz'd by sudden Violence, nor affrighted by any Terror, but grant us this Freedom and Liberty, that we may lye down in Peace and Rest, and rise up again in due Time safely to the Honour and Glory of thy Name, and the managing of our Worldly Business, in thy Fear thro' Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SATURDAY. Morning Prayer.

Psal. 42. 8. *The Lord will command his loving Kindness in the Day time, and in the Night Season his Song shall be with me, and my Prayer unto the God of my Life.*

O Immortal and Everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, thine unworthy Servant, beseech thee to accept this my Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Thanks due unto thee alone, for protecting me with thy mighty Hand; from the Fears and Dangers of this Night past, and refreshing my weary Body with natural and kindly Rest, and hereunto (I humbly entreat thee) to joyn thy further Grace for the rouzing up of my slothful and sluggish Nature from sin and Evil, that I may walk in thy Commandments with all Cheerfulness this Day and evermore.

Pardon (O Lord, I beseech thee) all forepast Evils, Abominations of my Life and Conversation. Cut off the Roots, Boughs, Leaves, and Fruits of the

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evil Tree of my corrupt Heart; put away the inward Lusts, Doubtings, and denying of thy Providence, with all those gross and outward Sins which I have committed, and do Daily affect and effect against thee, and give me a sure Hope of thy gracious Pardon and everlasting Life, that always while I am in this World, I may have the Taste and Feeling of it in my Heart.

Give me Grace, O Lord, to shun and to avoid all those Things which thou either hatest or hast no Pleasure in. Take from me a proud Look and a deceitful Tongue, bloody Hands, and a Heart any ways given to wicked Imaginations. Keep me this Day from all Perils, that may come either unto my Soul and Body, either by Satan himself or any of his Ministers: Bless my Senses and Understanding, that in all Things I may hear and speak Reason; and suffer me not (I beseech thee) to speak, think, or do any Thing this Day, but that which may please thee, be answerable to my Vocation, and tend unto the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Health of my Soul.

O Lord, I pray thee send thy Blessing upon all my Labours, and give me a willing Mind to help them that have Need, according to my Ability, and so prepare my Heart, in all my Business, that I may always begin it in thy Name, and go forward in thy Fear, and finish it in thy Blessing, that whatsoever I shall do, it may prosper. Grant this (O Lord) for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

NOON.

A Prayer for Patience.

O God, which art the God of Patience, and giveest Consolations to them that be Patient, stay my unbridled Nature this Day, and ever, from all dis-

discontentedness of Mind, Doubtings, Fears, Murmurings and furious Actions. Give me Grace to take it in good Part, whatsoever shall befal me, and let my Heart acknowledge it to be the Lord's doing, to come from thy Providence, and not by chance. Quiet my Soul in the manifold Disquietings of this World, and open mine Eyes when any need shall be, that I may see help in thee. Prevent all Evil that may befal me, and turn all Things to the best for my Good in thee. Grant me Patience, and thy Will to me be done in Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

SATURDAY. Evening Prayer.

Psal. 88. 1, 2. *O Lord God of my Salvation, I have cried Day and Night before thee. Let my Prayer come before thee, encline thine Ear unto my Cry.*

BLessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto thee, O Lord, most high and immortal God, for thy gracious Goodness and Mercy extended to me this Day and always; notwithstanding all my Wickedness which cry daily against me, and mine Enemies that would swallow me up: I beseech thee (O Lord) be still my God and my Lord, and continue thy gracious and merciful Favour unto me. Forgive me all that is past, even all the Evil that I have done or thought, and grant that I may hereafter serve and please thee in Holiness and Newness of Life. Be thou my Shield and Defence against the Suggestions, Illusions, and Temptations of Satan, against all the Allurements and Baits of the Flesh, with all Alterations, Provocations, Changes, and Chances of the World; Sanctifie me with thy Grace, that I may keep my Body undefiled as the Temple of the Holy

Ghost,

Ghoſt, and that my Soul may be defended, cheriſh'd, and tender'd as the Apple of thine Eye, from all the Pollutions of ſinful Luſt.

O Good God, the Sun is gone down, the Web of this Day is almoſt ſpun, and the Night is at Hand: Bleſs me (I beſeech thee) this Night, and take me into thy Cuſtody; ſave me Waking, keep me Sleeping, that I may both ſleep and wake in Peace and Safety. Let the Shadow of thy Wings be my Covert, the Holy Ghoſt my Comfort, and thy Holy Name my Rock and Defence againſt all Evil, Fear, Dammage, or Danger, which may overtake me this Night, or any other time. Prepare me, O Lord, for the Day following, the holy Sabbath, the Hallowed Day of thy Reſt, and my great Duty; and then ſo unlock the Miſteries of thy Holy Word to me, that I may therein ſee the Things of thy glorious Majeſty, learn the Leſſons of my own Duty, and rightly underſtand the certainty of my Mortality.

Grant me (O Lord) ſuch Grace, as I may make a right uſe of all Things, that the hearing of thy Holy Word, and the good Example of thy Servants agreeing with the Rule of thy Law, may be both as a Bridle to reſtrain me from Sin, and a Spur to ſet me forward to Holineſs of Life and Converſation of this World. O Lord, grant me theſe and all other good Things, even for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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Another Prayer to be said in the Night upon our awaking.

Psal. 129. 62. At Midnight I will rise to give Thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous Judgments.

O Lord Jesus, who to deliver the holy Apostle St. *Peter* from the Fury of a cruel Tyrant, didst by an Angel awake him in the dead of the Night, and hast now awaked me thy poor Servant long before the Day break; I bless thee, and with all humble Thanks praise thee for that Portion of comfortable Rest, which thou hast given me from my Down-lying to this present Hour; beseeching thee to forgive and forget my Omission of such Duties, as I should have perform'd before I fell asleep.

O blessed Saviour, who didst watch and pray when thy Disciples were asleep and spentest many Nights in Prayer for my sake, pardon my Forgetfulness, Drouziness, and Dulness in heavenly Matters; mine idle Dreams, and wandring Thoughts in Prayer and Meditation; and pray to thy Father and my God, thine by Nature, mine by his Grace and thine, that none of these Things be laid to my Charge.

Keep me in this Interim from all Evil and vain Cogitation, from Temptation of the Enemy and ungodly Designs; that so long as I shall be awake, I may, as thy holy Servants *Paul* and *Silas* did, at Midnight meditate upon thy sacred Law, and all holy Things. *Amen.*

Another Prayer to be said when we cannot Sleep.

O Lord God, by whose Ordinance King *Ahasuerus* one Night could not Sleep in his own Bed; and yet

yet through thy gracious Providence, thy Apoſtle St. *Peter* ſlept quietly, though guarded and chained in Priſon. I beſeech thee to behold how my Sleep is broken, ſo that I cannot take my natural Reſt kindly, and to have Compaſſion upon my weak Conſtitution, which yet deſir'd farther Nouriſhment. Lord, let no Buſineſs, Cares, or Fear, Trouble my Head longer at this time, but ſo ſettle my Brain in this quiet of the Night, that I may lay me down in Peace, and take my Reſt, my Body receiving his due refreſhing, but my Mind continually watching unto thee, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Morning.

O Lord God, moſt mighty and merciful Father, I thine unworthy Creature and Servant acknowledge mine own Vileneſs, natural Corruption, and abominable Sins many times, and divers Ways committed againſt thee; ſo that I am not worthy to come near thy Sanctuary, or to approach the uttermoſt Limits of the Place where thine Honour dwelleth. Yet I beſeech thee, for his ſake in whom thou art ſo well pleaſed, my Lord Jeſus Chriſt, vouchſafe to admit me to render thee my bounden Thanks, for thy manifold Mercies extended towards me this Night paſt, and all other Times of my Life, for my Reſt, my Sleep, my Food and Raiment, my Health, Peace and Liberty, and the hope of a better Life, in the Merits of thy Son's bitter Paſſion. And, dear Father, I beſeech thee to continue thy merciful Favour unto me this Day and ever hereafter. Forgive me all mine unthankfulneſs, Unkindneſs, and Prophaneneſs towards thee, thy Word, and Service, or towards my Neighbour. Set all my Sins over to that Reckoning which thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, my Lord, hath made up for them upon his Croſs. Never lay

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any of them to my Charge, but freely forgive and forget all.

O Lord, ſtrike my Heart with thy Rod, that I may always be furniſh'd with a true and unfeign'd Repentance; that I may not be blind in my Sins to delight in them, or to think that thou will not reſpect my Untowardneſs, but that I may be weary of them, grieve for them, and by all Means poſſible ſtrive to attain a true Mortification of the Fleſh, and ſo to live holily, and juſtly, and ſoberly in this preſent World.

O good God, I humbly entreat thee, leave me not to my ſelf, mine own Luſt and Deſires, but aſſiſt me, with thy Grace to hearken unto thee, and thy Word, and to paſs my Time in Fear and Trembling, as an obedient Child of ſo good a Father.

Bleſs me (Lord) this Day, and proſper all that I ſhall take in Hand, let me have all my Directions from thy Will, and the Succeſs from thy merciful Hand. Give me a competent Stay for the Maintenance of this mortal Life. Continue my Food and Raiment, Health, Peace, and Liberty, that I may with a quiet Mind and thankful Heart paſs my Time in this Vale of Miſery, doing good to all Men, after mine Ability, without Diſgrace to my ſelf, or Harm to any one.

Grant theſe good Things, moſt merciful Father, and all other needful Graces, not only unto me, but unto all thy dear Children in the World, to the good of our Souls and Bodies, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, in whoſe Name I farther call upon thee, as he hath taught us in his Goſpel, ſaying,

Our Father, &c.

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A Prayer for the Evening.

O Eteral God, and moſt merciful Father, I do confeſs againſt my ſelf, that my Heart and Hands are full of all Filthineſs and Sins whatſoever, and I am altogether unworthy to ſpeak unto thee, or to come near to thy Preſence: Nevertheleſs, being ſo much bound unto thee, as this Day paſt, and all other Times of my Life do Witneſs, I offer unto thy Majeſty (by the Hand of Jeſus Chriſt my Mediator) my humble Duty of Praiſe and Thanksgiving, for my Election, Creation, Redemption, Vocation, and Sanctification, with all other good Graces appertaining to this Life, or that which is to come.

And namely, O Lord, my Tongue and Lips ſhall Glorify thee, ſitting above the Cherubim, for preſerving me this Day paſt from ſo many Miſeries and Caſualties, wherein I might juſtly have fallen, if thou wouldeſt have entred into Judgment with me. But (O Lord) thou art Merciful, and paſſeſt by mine Offences, to win me by thy long ſufferance: I beſeech thee make me thankful for thy Mercies, ready and willing to make a good uſe of thy moſt gracious Forbearance, and careful to do thy Will, with all Conſcience and Conſtancy.

O Lord, pardon and forgive me all my Sins, grant me every Day more and more the Sight and Feeling of them, with hearty Sorrow and unfeign'd Repentance for the ſame. Give me Grace to believe all the ſweet Promiſes that thou haſt made unto me in Chriſt Jeſus, both for the Remiſſion of my Sins, and the Hope of a better Life; ſtrengthen me from above with thy mighty Hand to walk in every good Way without Fear, and to bring forth the Fruit of a true and lively Faith in my Life and Converſation, all the Days of my Pilgrimage here.

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Arm me, O Lord, with thy Grace and Holy Spirit, against all the common Corruptions of the World, the Temptations of the Devil, and the Alurements of the Flesh, and settle my Mind to the continual Exercise of devout Prayer, with the hearing of thy sacred Word, watching for thy coming, both Publick and Private.

Continue thy Goodness towards me, in providing for me such Things as are necessary for the Maintenance of this present Life; and bless the same under my Hand, that the little which I have by thy Goodness may be encreased, and the Encrease may serve as well to furnish my necessary Uses, as to minister unto the Necessities of others, according to my Ability.

Keep me, Lord, this Night from all Evils, which may happen either unto my Body, or to my Soul: Extend thy Goodness towards all those that depend upon me, or upon them. Give me quiet Sleep and Rest, and when I shall awake let all my Thoughts and Cogitations be holy Meditations on thee and thy Law. Bless me, O Lord, all the Nights and Days of my Life, and at the End thereof send me a blessed Departure, and afterwards a joyful Resurrection unto Life eternal.

Grant me these good Things most merciful Father, and all other needful Graces, for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose Name I shall farther call upon thee, as he hath taught us in his Gospel, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Short

Short Prayers for the Morning and Evening. By J. F. 1581.

A short Prayer for the Morning.

O God of Light, who haſt preſerv'd me and brought me from the Darkneſs of this Night, ſhine into my Heart this Day and ever, by thy bleſſed and holy Spirit, that I may be enlighten'd, and led into all Truth, that I may walk faithfully as the Child of Light before thee, caſting away the Works of Darkneſs, in the Place that thou haſt ſet me, doing and performing diligently thoſe Things that thou haſt requir'd of me, either to the Praiſe of thy Name, or the Comfort of my Brethren. Grant this, good Lord, I humbly beſeech thee, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

A ſhort Prayer for the Evening.

I Thank thee, O Father, for thy gracious Protection of me this Day; I beſeech thee keep me alſo this Night, under the Shadow of thy Wings, that I reſting in thee, may find ſuch Comfort and Strength both of Body and Soul, as may enable me to the Performance of my Duty. Grant this, I humbly beſeech thee, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, mine only Saviour, in whoſe Name I farther call upon thee, as he hath taught us in his Holy Goſpel, ſaying,

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer to God the Father, as a Preparative to the Meditations ensuing.

O Gracious Lord Almighty and Everlasting God, the Father of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who was Born at Bethlehem in great Poverty; grant me, I beseech thee, a Room amongst the Willemen of the *East*, to offer the poor Talent of my weak Devotion unto him; all the Days of my Life; even true Faith for pure Gold, the Perfume of devout Prayer, for sweet Frankincense, and hearty Sorrow, with bitter Tears of Repentance, for dropping Myrrh.

And because he came into this World in such Humility, furnish'd with such a Measure of Love that he was Content, without Constraint, to be laden with the heavy Burthen of all our Infirmities, and to carry our woful Sorrows; vouchsafe me thy Grace, that I may pick up some Crumbs under thy Table, and gather up some Fruits at the Foot of his Cross, that when I shall have seen what *Judas* sold, and the Jews bought, what *Judas* left, and I have gain'd, I may Bathe my Soul in the Purple Stream of his most precious Blood, and then entombing him, and lay him up in a believing Heart, unto his glorious Appearance.

O Lord, since he did vouchsafe to undergo a World of Injuries and Miseries for my sake, and at the last, in a shameful Death, offer himself up in a Sacrifice to thee for my Redemption; strengthen my Weakness, and cleanse my Filthiness, that all the Days of my Life, I being washed (as the Apostle says) being sanctify'd, and being justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of my God, I may never be without Sorrow for my Sins, Thankfulness for thy Benefits, Fear of thy Judgments, Love of

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thy Mercies, not Remembrance of thy Presence. *Amen.*

A Meditation or Prayer upon the Life, Death and Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, Christ Jesus, Son of God, thou holy, mighty, wonderful God and Man; thou who art the Life of the Living, and the Death of Death, and therefore both in Life and Death Advantage to thy Children; thou whose Life for our sakes was enfeebled with natural Infirmities, and thy Death caused by violent Sorrows, and yet thy Life mild, and thy Death quiet, I beseech thee give me a Heart of Flesh, to weep, lament, and shed Tears down my Cheeks; if not for thy Pains (who didst sweat Drops of Blood trickling down to the Ground, and afterward death) yet for my Sins which then bred thy Sorrow, and now would work my Woe.

Lord, I know that for me, amongst many, the Tempest of thy Father's Anger, and Fire of his Wrath, was stirred and kindled against thee, but thou wast Innocent and Holy, thou art the Worthy of *Israel*; wherefore, now with the Wise-men of the East, I come to seek thee in the *Stable* in *Bethlehem*, and with all the Jews I come to see thee at Mount *Calvary*, at *Bethlehem*, Lord, where the Manger was thy Bed to be born in; in Mount *Calvary* where the Cross was thy Bed to die on: In *Bethlehem*, where a Handful of Straw was the Pillow for thy sacred Head to rest on: In Mount *Calvary*, where a Crown of Thorns, and a Number of Nails pierced, and tortured both Head and Body: In *Bethlehem*, where coarse Swadling Cloaths were thy best Robes; and in Mount *Calvary*, where thou wast stripped of thy *Cloaths*, and thy Body hung naked in much Misery; I come, Lord, to adore

thee to praise thee, and to pray thee, that as for thy Life and Death thou was content to be bred, born, brought up in manifold infirmities, to demonstrate the Truth of thy Humanity and then at thy Death to shew all pleasant affection thy self, and to be bruised with many Miseries, for discharge of our Captivity, and thereby to seal in our Hearts the Assurance of our Access to the Throne of Grace. So I pray thee, with [illegible] as gracious King, to hold out the golden Sceptre of Mercy to thy fearful Godson, that I may have Warrant to come near unto thee, to look into thy Wounds, to sue for Compassion and Pardon, and to taste of thy Goodness, who am sinful Wretch, and woful Creature, full of Corruption and manifold Infirmities.

O sweet Jesus, how shall I account the large reckonings of thy long Patience, from thy poor Nativity, to thy grievous Death? How shall I reckon up all the Miseries which thou didst endure, from thy bloody Sweat and heavy Agony in one Garden, to thy strange Burial in another? How can I think of thy Labour in Preaching, thy Weariness in Travelling, thy Watchfulness in Praying, thy Tempting in Fasting, thy Tears in Pitying, and not Condemn more justly of them, than *David* did for *Jerubbaal*? *Very kind, hast thou been unto us, O Lord, in us was wonderful, passing the love of Women.*

O Lord, was it not enough for thee to be clothed with the Weeds of Mortality for to save us, but that thou must be compared also with the Shadow of Death, to become Dust? Was it not enough to become Earth, Earth, Earth, but thou must become also Woe, Woe, Woe, and all for me? The God of Heaven to become the Son of Man? The Lord of Life to be made the Child of Death? The Master turned to be Servant, and from a Servant to be accounted a Bad Servant?

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O Humility without Example! O Love beyond Measure! O Grace beyond Merit!

There was no Proof brought, and yet was he scourged without Measure, no Indictment found, and yet was he Crucify'd without Mercy. Oh, the Beloved of the Lord run through the Briars of unworthy Passions! Oh, the Holy Lamb was betrayed, carry'd away, bound, condemn'd, consorted with Malefactors and Thieves; and like *Jonah*, plung'd in the main Depth of Sorrows, and swallow'd up of the Whale of Death.

Oh thou that didst suffer these Things, remember for whom thou didst suffer them? Remember me, *O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy upon me.*

O Lord Jesus, it is the Joy of my Heart to hear that thou hast taken and born all mine Infirmities; all Spiritual, all Corporal, true Evidences of thy Humanity, but no Impediments to thy Charity; all of Soul, and of Body, and yet neither deform'd in Fashion nor distemper'd in Passion, nor Tainted with any Guilt of Sin, all Infirmities good in thee, all very necessary for me; for thy Soul heavy to Death, shall bring my Soul with Joy to Life. Nay, I should never have been heartily Merry, except thou hadst been painfully Sad, and grievously Sorrowful. I should never have been verily satisfied, except thou hadst truly Hungred and Thirsted; I should never have been deliver'd from Fear, and absolutely bold, except thou hadst naturally fear'd, for all was for me.

O thou ever-glorious God, the Consolation of *Israel*, and the Hope of all the Ends of the Earth, relieve my careful Conscience, that am sad, disorder'd and disturb'd in Mind, for fear of thy Judgments, having displeased such a gracious God, and so loving a Father.

O deserted my Soul, be overtaken with Fear, so far as to despair, nor overwhelmed with the Sea of thy Wrath, nor assaulted with the Suggestions of [illegible] always hear the Voice of the Blood [illegible] Things than the Blood of Abel, and crying not for Revenge, but for Pardon for me, who, by manifold Transgressions, have robbed God of his Honour, the Church of a Member, and my Soul of Life.

O Man of Sorrows, Mirror of Patience! What Week of Pain was this to thee? What a good Friday was this for me? What Days of Sorrows were then one after another to pass? And yet with what Patience didst thou pass them over? Patient when Caiphas so despitefully used thee? Patient when Herod so unrighteously judged thee? Patient when false Judas so cunningly and treacherously betrayed thee, designing thee to be taken? Again, Patient when thou didst carry thine own Cross? Patient when the Crown of Thorns drew blood from thy sacred Head? and Patient when all others reviled, reproached, pricked, scorned, and abused thee.

O thou who so Patiently and Peaceably, Mildly and Meekly, Truly and Willingly didst carry Painful and Baneful, Heinous and Heavy sorrows for me; I beseech thee, by thy Patience, discharge my Impatience; and by thy Innocence strengthen my Weakness, inform my Ignorance, comfort my Sadness, kindle my Love, discharge my Fear, moderate my Anger, and grant me Patience to bear thy holy Will in all Things, and give me Grace, O sweet Jesus, to fulfil thy Commandment of Love and Charity, which is the End of thy Commandment, where than I take my Farewell for ever, such a Lover as is Love himself? Pardon me, and then not love? As for thy Disciples, thou didst love them, as a kind Father doth his Scholars, and Cherish them as a good Mo-

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ther doth his Children, and stile them with the Name thy Friends. Thou didst stoop down to wash their Feet that were not worthy to unite thy Spirit. Thou didst receive Peter that had denied thee, thou didst save a Thief that died with thee, thou didst confirm Thomas that doubted of thee, thou didst forgive James and John, that desired Revenge of thee, thy bloody Persecutors and Crucifiers (whilst they Curse and Execrate themselves and their Children) do thee Mischief, they, even they (out of thine own Mouth) Pray on the Cross, before thou hadst disposed of thy Mother, or pray for thy self; yea, thou Judas that betray'd thee, and sold thee for thirty Pence, yet made no Price of thee, but put it to a What will you give me? And took a base Offer; thy holy Hands did wash his unclean Feet, and thy sacred Lips did touch his prophane Mouth.

O thou Fountain of Love, thou dost Drench those that love thee in the Streams of thy Pleasure, and Embalment even thine Enemies with the Oyl of Compassion, and hast loved Mankind with an everlasting Love, grant that my Love may be out of a Pure Heart and a good Conscience, and of Faith unfeign'd. Thou that wouldst be betray'd with a Kiss, as it were to meet Death in the middle Way, Thou that didst reprove Peter, when he dissuaded thee from it, and didst hasten on Judas, lest he should be too slack to bring thee to it, give me Grace to be in thy Favour, and bring me to Life. Kindle, O kindle my Desires to thee, enflame my Heart with Thankfulness to thee, inspire my Soul with the Fire of zealous Love to thee, that for thy Love to me, I may evermore love thee above all Things, and my Neighbour as my self.

This is the *Confessarium est*, O sweet Jesus, thou hast given me that which thou didst not owe me, and hast forgiven me that which I did owe thee, thou

wast content to be the By-word of the People, and the Curse of thy Law for my sake. Blessed be thy Name, blessed be thy Life, blessed be thy Death, for thy Death is my Birth, thy Crown of Thorns is my Garland, the Scars of thy Body are the Signs of my Firmament, thy gracious Wounds are my happy Pasture, thy bitter Myrrh, refreshes me, thine Infirmities strengthen me, thy Stripes heal me, and thy Blood cleanseth me.

Lo, I have nothing to take to, but what I have from thee, therefore [illegible] Jesus, O good Jesus, make good thy good Name Jesus unto me, and let thy Passion work Compassion for me, that by thy Mercy I may obtain Remission of my Sins, and by thy Merits I may obtain everlasting Salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen. Deus meus crucifixus est.

Supplications
OF
SAINTS.

The Second Part.

Paul and his Company.

Acts XXI. 5.

They brought us on our Way, with Wives and Children, and we kneeled down on the Shore, and prayed.

Chrysostom. Tom. 2. in Johan. Hom. 1. Cap. 1.

Not only at Church, but at Home also, let the Man and his Wife, the Father and the Children, speak of those Things.

This Part contains Prayers for divers Purposes to be utter'd with Company.

A Morning Prayer for Private Families.

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Mat. 18. 20. *Where two or three are gathered together in my Name there am I in the midst of them.*

O Eternal God, and most merciful Father, which giveſt to them that Want, comfortest which Suffer; and forgiveſt them which Repent; we ſinful Creatures flie unto thee for Grace, hoping in thy Mercy towards us, which is over all. Keep us we beſeech thee, this Day, as thou haſt kept us this Night paſt? Keep us in thy Fear, Faith, and Love. Forgive us all our Sins in the Blood of thy Son, teach us to ſorrow for them, and ſeperate them from us that would ſeperate us from thee.

O Lord, remove from our Minds all Ignorance and Blindneſs, and make thy Word unto us, like the Star which led the Wiſe-men to Chriſt, and all thy Works profitable Inſtruments to draw us unto thee. Guide us with thy Spirit that we may make Conſcience of all that we do, and never make light of any Evil, but even abſtain from all appearance of it. Strengthen our Weakneſs, and lighten our Underſtanding, that in the Heat of Temptations, we may diſcern between Good and Evil, Right and Wrong, and receive Comfort.

Give us the ſacred Hunger and Thirſt after Righteouſneſs, that our firſt Care may be to know thy Truth; and let us ſo profit in the School of Chriſt, that in Sickneſs we may find Patience, in Priſon Joy, in Poverty Contentment, and in all Things Hope.

Proſper, O Lord, our Labours, and the work of our Hands, and give us Hearts to learn ſomething of

every Thing, and make a Spiritual use of all our earthly Actions and Occasions, till we come to lodge with thee in the Kingdom of Heaven; let our loving Affections grow one towards another unfeignedly, that we may love our Brethren, and they us, and pray for them and they for us, and both of us be heard of thee for our selves, and one for another, and thy Son for us all.

Bless, Lord, the universal Church with Truth, Peace, Gentleness of Godliness, and holy Discipline; Continue thy Mercies towards this Realm, and ours; Bless his gracious Majesty, and all the Royal Family; Inspire the Bishops and Pastors of the Church, and all others that Labour in the Word and Doctrine. Bless his Majesty's most honourable Privy-Council, and all others in Authority, with necessary Graces.

Bless the Nurseries of good Learning, all Grammar Schools, the famous Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and the Inns of Court. Bless this City and Place wherein we live, remove the Punishments due for the Sins thereof, and give them truly Grace to Repent in time, lest they be destroyed.

Bless all our Friends, Kinsfolks and others, for whom thou hast appointed us to make Prayers and Supplications; strengthen them that suffer for this Cause, and send them the Comforts of thy Spirit; Comfort them sick, ease the anguish of Conscience for remorse of Sin, and convert all that go astray, and teach us by their Examples to see our own Weakness, and to look better to our Ways. Bless this Family with Grace and Peace, that the Rulers, Children, and Servants thereof, may know their several Duties, and practice the same in thy Fear, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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MOst Gracious God and merciful Father, though we be unworthy the least of thy Mercies, yet hast thou from time to time made us partakers of many, for which we praise and magnifie thy holy Name, beseeching thee to give us understanding Hearts, to feel our Evils, and direction and assistance from thy Spirit to avoid the same. And as thou hast in great Mercy kept us this Night, and the time of Darkness and Dangers, so we beseech thee to keep us this Day, that the Son of Righteousness may rule in our hearts, and all that Darkness that lurketh in them, may be scattered to the Comforts of our Souls, and we may walk as thy Children, in clear Light without Danger.

Endue us with Gifts and Graces needful for us, and grant that with a pure and sincere Conscience, we may use them to the Benefit of our Brethren, and the Discharge of our own Duties. Keep the Watch of our Tongues, and the Door of our Lips, in such sort, that no rash Evil, or vain Words, pass thereby, and so rule and govern our Hearts, that we may not mind or think any things but such which shall be to thy Glory. Grant us thy Blessing of Health, Peace, and Maintenance, so far as thou seest them good for us, and especially thy holy Spirit to direct us as well in the Want thereof, as in the lawful Use of them. In all our Consultations, Words, and Works, let us remember thy Presence, that thou seest whereso'ever we do before our selves, and wilt Judge us if we go astray,

astray, or do amiss. Chase away from us all Rancor and Malice, Covetousness, Uncharitableness and Unthankfulness, and whatsoever is contrary to thy Love, which is to us-ward in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take from us all Ignorance and Negligence, with the want of Judgment and Discretion, and prevent all those things that may hinder us in our Christian Calling. Encrease our Faith, Patience and Obedience. Let thy Blessing be upon our whole Houshold, to lead us in the Truth, and prosper us in our Ways, and all those whom thou shalt make dear unto us, whether they be present or absent. Be good to our Children, Servants and Friends, that live with us, that we may live altogether in the Service of thy Gospel, to grow up in godly Conversation, and soundness of Faith. Give us Grace by thy Corrections, to fear thee more carefully, and to sorrow for our Sins more heartily, O Lord, grant these Things, and whatsoever else thou knowest to be Necessary for us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer for private Families.

Psal. 116. 12. *What shall I render unto the Lord for all his Benefits towards me? Because he hath inclined his Ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.*

O Lord God, Father of Mercies, Creator of Heaven and Earth, we render unto thee Thanks, in all abundance, for thy merciful Preservation of us this Day, and all the Times and Days of our Life, that thou hast brought us safe and sound through so many Dangers, and poured upon us (contrary to our deserving) so many excellent and notable Blessings and Benefits, both Spiritual and Corporal.

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O Everliving God, and our ever loving Father, which hast not left us Comfortless, but hast given us thy Son for a Ransom, thy Word for a Guide, and reserv'd a Kingdom for our Inheritance in Heaven; we give thee Thanks for these and all other thy most gracious Benefits, beseeching thee that we may have the Grace to make such use of them that they may never be in vain unto us. O Lord, forgive unto us all our Sins, remove from us all those things which our Consciences are afraid of. Assure us of thy Gracious Pardon, and renew us by thy holy Spirit, that we may unfeignedly hate and detest whatsoever is Displeasing unto thee. Lord, give us a sincere Heart to serve thee; and let this be the Hour of our Conversion; in all Temptations give us strength to resist and overcome; in all Troubles Patience to bear; and grant that we constantly persevere in our Faith, Hope, and Patience, unto the End, that the Hope of Mercy may keep us from the Horror of Despair, and the Fear of Justice from the Sin of Presumption.

O good God, order our Times in such comfortable Sort, that we having Peace in thee, our Bodies and Minds may be the more able to do their several Offices in our Vocations. Instruct us by thy Word, Guide us by thy Spirit, Mollify us by thy Grace, humble us by thy Correction, and win us by thy Benefits.

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O Lord, we beseech thee, let all things work for the best to us that desire truly to love thee. Continue thy Favour and Goodness unto us this Night, that we, taking our natural Rest and Quietness, may, through thy Protection, be all defended from immoderate Sleep, fearful Dreams, and outward Violence of our Enemies, and all eminent Danger. Touch our Hearts with a Desire and Longing after Heavenly Things, that whensoever it shall please thee to call for us, we may be willing to come unto thee, as Children to their Fathers, Strangers unto their Country, and Members of thy Body unto the Head.

Grant us, O Lord, these, and all other things needful and meet for us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Form of Prayer, to serve for Morning and Evening in a Family.

O GOD of Glory, and Father of Mercy, eternal and incomprehensible Majesty, in whom we sinful Creatures live, move, and have our Being; favourably hear our imperfect Prayers, and mercifully grant our needful Suits.

Great is our Debt to thy All-good Greatness, for thy great Goodness bestowed upon us in our Election, Creation, and Sanctification, in our Understanding, Health, Wealth, and Peace, together with thy gracious Preservation of us this (*in the Morning*) Night past, from Fire and Water, Thieves and Robbers, Death and Desolation, (*At Evening*) Day past, from wilful Sinning, deadly Darts, Fire and Water, Thieves and Robbers.

For those sinful Maladies and Miseries, which our Forgetfulness of thee, neglect of ourselves, natural Corruptions,

a sincere and good Conscience, we may do all that we do in the Name of the Lord, to the right discharge of our own Duties, and the benefit and furtherance of our Brethren. Give us that sacred Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness, which those shall be sure to find in thy holy Word; that our first Care and earnest Desire may be to know thy Truth, and to do thy Will with Zeal and Discretion; and when we are to undergo the Tryal of any Temptation, support and strengthen us, that we may be able to discern between Good and Evil, Truth and Falsehood, Right and Wrong, Fear and Hope, in our Comfort in all Mediations, in the reading and hearing of thy holy Word. Lord, make it unto us the Saviour of Life, unto Life, sealing and illuminating our Hearts with thy unspeakable Light, like unto that uncench'd Star which appear'd to the Wise Men, that we may thereby be led to Christ, the Light of the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy People *Israel*; and that thereby we may so profit in his School, as that in Sickness we may find Patience, in Afflictions, Joy, in Poverty, Contentment, in all Things, Hope that thou wilt be our Father, and our God. And because we are all Children of one Father, and one Mother, God and the Church, we pray thee to bless thy holy Church universal, and to comfort all those that mourn in in *Zion*, in Conscience, and for Conscience. Remember, O Lord, *Joseph*'s Afflictions, *Paul*'s Bonds; *Mary Magdalen*'s Tears, *Job*'s Tryals, *Lazarus*'s Sickness; and let *Stephen*'s Death be always dear in thy Sight. Let our loving Affection to mutually grow, one towards another, that we may live together in love, professing with one Heart, and one Mind, a true Faith, and labouring to keep a holy and acceptable Conversation, that we may forgive our Brethren, and they us, to pray for them, and they for us, in the Things of this World be helpful to them, and they

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to us. Let thy Bleſſing be upon this Houſhold, the Rulers, Children, and Servants thereof. Guide us in our Ways, and lead us into thy Truth, that every one of us may know our ſeveral Duties, and perform them in thy Fear. Bleſs our Parents, Kindred, and Friends, wheresoever they remain in this World; endue them all with Gifts and Graces needful and requiſite for their ſeveral Eſtates, Degrees, and Callings.

In the Morning.

PRoſper our Labours, and bleſs our Endeavours, in all the Works we ſhall take in hand this day and ever; and give us thy Bleſſing of Health, Peace, Maintenance, and Safety.

At Evening.

O Lord, bleſs us all this Night, and give us ſafe Reſt from Dreams, ſudden Fears, and all violent Hands, and other Dangers, that after our Bodies have been refreſh'd with competent Sleep to ſuffice Nature, we may ſee the Light yet the next Morning, and ariſe fit and chearful to ſerve thee in our ſeveral Vocations. Hearing, O Lord, &c. Good Lord we beſeech thee grant us all theſe Bleſſings, Gifts, and Graces, and whatſoever elſe thou ſeeſt to be neceſſary for us. Hear us for thy Church and the Church for all, and the Chriſt ſake, all in his Name, and abſolute Form of Prayer we conclude theſe our weak Requeſts unto thee, O Father, &c.

A Prayer for the Catholick Church, and all the Estates thereof.

Psal. 125. 4. *Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their Hearts.*

O Son of the eternal God, thou sweet Spouse of the Church, bless, we beseech thee, preserve, and keep thy poor Church Militant here on Earth, the blessed Company of all faithful People: Make all Kings and Princes, and the supream Governour of every Nation, careful Nursing Fathers, and Nursing Mothers to the same. Let all the Members thereof be of one Mind, and one Heart, that there may be such holy Concord in the Knowledge of thy Truth, and such Obedience to their Superiours, with Brotherly Unity in all Matters, as they may neither produce thy Scourge, nor the Prince's Sword against them. Grant the Gospel free Passage, and long Continuance in Prosperity, and remove not the Candlestick for the Unfruitfulness or Unthankfulness of the Professors. Put thy principal Spirit upon the Ministers of the Word, the Archbishops, Bishops, and Pastors of the several Congregations, and give them Grace to follow the Steps of the holy Apostles and blessed Martyrs, that being inflam'd with true Zeal, and furnish'd with sufficient Knowledge, they may be willing to labour in Season and out of Season, for the feeding of thy Flock. Bless their Labours, to the winning of Soul to thee; and bless them with Boldness of Speech, and Innocency of Life, that, like sworn Soldiers to the Cross of Christ, they may live and die under thy Banner. Cast down the Beams of thy heavenly Light upon such publick Places as are appointed for the Training up of younger Years in

in found Knowledge, and commendable Qualities; namely, both our Universities, Oxford and Cambridge, the Inns of Court, and all Grammar Schools, the Seed-plots of the Church. Sanctify their Memories to treasure up good Things. Purge their Consciences to have Peace in thee. Reform their Wills to thy Will; and let their Affections be ordered aright, and their Vessels season'd with the best of Liquor in the Beginning, and so to continue. Bless the higher Powers of Authority; make them truly humble in the Top of their Height, that their Heads being lifted up to Honour, their Hearts may not be puff'd up, nor swell with Pride. But to rule their Hearts and Minds, that all Kings and Princes may truly serve thee, reverence and stand in awe of thee. Defend and maintain thy Church and Truth, and wisely provide what is best for the Advancement of thy Glory, and the good of the Common-wealth. So deal unto, O Lord, with all inferior Authorities, and keep them from Error, Treason, and Conspiracies. Let the Judges be learned and uncorrupted, and the Lawyers men of Conscience, to deal sincerely and uprightly in their Causes, without either Fear of greater Persons, or doing of unlawful Favours to Friends, or desire of Reward from any. Calm the Waves, and quiet the Storms of all Persecutions; restrain the Rage and Cruelty of all Tyrants, Heathen or Christian. Take away all unnatural Practices out of the Church, and let no intestine Reasons to the Infection of Youth, or Subversion of the State. Confound all Heresies and Heretics, disperse all Schisms and Sects, that there be no Jars nor Differences of Opinions amongst thy Servants, but that we may be like-minded, having the same Love, being of one Accord, and of one Judgment in the Lord. O Lord, comfort them that are [illegible] with

with Plague and Sickness, consumed with Famine, overthrown with Wars, and scared with fearful Threatnings from the skies. Convert the Simple, confound the Obstinate, gather the Dispersed, heal the Broken-hearted, supply our Wants, and amend all that is amiss, for thy Truth, and for thy Name's sake. Amen.

Another for the same Use.

Ephes. 5. 25. *Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctifie and cleanse it with the Washing of Water by the Word.*

O Lord God, thou just Maker of the Vineyard, and loving Head of the Church, send down thine holy Spirit into the Hearts of all them that preach or profess thy holy Truth, all Men religious and learned, yea, Men and Women, Princes and Subjects, Rich and Poor, even all the People believing in thy Name, and relying on thy Grace and Mercy. Give unto them, O Lord, one Law, one Baptism, one Hope, one Spirit, that there may be but one Voice among all that profess the Catholick Faith. Keep back the Enemies of our Weal, and send such Labourers into thy Harvest, as be found in Doctrine, Life, and in their Words and Works to Conversation, that they may be in Number many, and in Power wonderful and effectual. Open, we beseech thee, the Hearts and Ears of the People to the receiving of thy Word, that it may dwell plentifully in all Wisdom, and bring forth fruit against all the Cares, Crosses, and Contrariety of this wretched World. O Lord, thou hast mercy in thy Saints, and the Heavens are not clean in thy sight; then correct us in thy Love, but not in thy Fury, lest we should be consum'd,

sum'd, and brought to nothing. Purge the Garden of thy Church, and let no Weeds overgrow the Flowers. Suffer neither Sin nor Superstition to choak the good Growth of Faith or Manners in thy People, but keep them from all Evil, Heresies, fantastical Opinions, seducing Spirits, and deadly Contentions. Keep our Necks from the grievous Yoke of Antichristian Bondage, whose Religion is Rebellion, whose Faith is Faction, and whose Practice is the murthering of Souls and Bodies; and repress the Fariousness of Tyrants, which labour for nothing but the Spoil of the Church, and the Abolishment of true Doctrine, Prayer, and true Religion. O Lord Jesus, amend all that is amiss, and grant us thy Grace all the Days of our Life, even for thy Truth, and for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for His Majesty's Royal Kindred and Family.

Eccles. 10, 17. *Blessed art thou, O Land, when thy King is the son of Nobles.*

O Almighty God, King of all Kings, the Fountain, Rule, and Stay of all Sovereignty; we most humbly thank thee, that thou hast not left us unto ourselves, to do what seemeth best in our own Eyes, but hast set over us a Noble, Wise, and Gracious King, GEORGE thy Servant, our supream Head and Governour, next under thee. Lord, make all thy Goodness and Grace to go before Him Day and Night: Uphold his Crown, maintain his State; give him continual Peace, long Life, and much Happiness. Endue him with Wisdom and Understanding in the Church and Common-Wealth, as may be acceptable in thy Sight, profitable to all his Subjects,

Subjects, and hurtful to none that love thy Truth: Mercifully bear him in all his Petitions, and effectually work for him in all Dangers in the Day of Battle; in his greatest Consultations; in the Time of his Recreations, in the Plots of Treason, and all other wicked Designs of his Enemies, and in the Hour of Death. Make us thankful for all thy Preservations of him, both at home and abroad, in this Kingdom, and elsewhere. Bless, preserve, and keep him, and the rest of the Royal Family. Let him always embrace thy Truth, and manfully maintain it against all treacherous Plots, and subtile Perswasions. Let thy Power always go forth with his Armies, and give him glorious Victories. Banish from his Court all privy Foes, foreign and domestical; and keep him from all sorts of Dissemblers.

Let not our Sins, O Lord, provoke thee to shorten his Days, and deprive us of thy good Blessings; but convert us to thy good Will and Pleasure: And give him the Crown of Old-age, and long to continue in the Ways of Righteousness.

O holy Father, give him such excellent Gifts, as befits the Majesty which he bears, that he may be in Faith like *Abraham*, in Courage like *David*, in Wisdom like *Solomon*, and in hearing Good and Evil as an Angel of God. Enrich his Council and Nobles with Wisdom, Loyalty, and Fortitude; and make his Servants (as stand before him in their several Places, (with all other Subjects) as so many Lines drawn to one Center, that their Hearts being tied unto him, they may be always fearful to offend, willing to obey, and careful to accomplish whatsoever may stand with thy Glory, our Sovereign's Honour, and the Good of thy Church and Common-wealth, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour.

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Another for the same Use.

1 Tim. 1. 2. *Let Supplications, Prayers, Intercessions, and giving of Thanks, be made for all Men; for Kings, and for all that are in Authority.*

O God, which hast the Kings Heart in thy Hand, and the Hearts of all Princes, and turnest it according to the pleasure of thy Will; we humbly beseech thee to keep thy Servant Charles, and our Common-wealth, with Peace and Prosperity, to thy Worship and Service. Give, O Lord, Grace to our most noble King CHARLES, that he may love, honour, fear, and serve thee, and that he may put his Trust only in thee. Endue him with the Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge, and with all other good Gifts and Vertues necessary for his Royal Function; especially, enflame his Heart with an earnest and true Zeal, to set forth thy Glory, and to make thy Will known unto all his Subjects, that they may walk with Heart and Mind obedient and keep his Laws; and that both with Heart and Mind his inferiour Magistrates may indifferently and faithfully minister Judgment and Justice to all his People.

We beseech thee, O Lord, preserve his Body in Health, his Mind in Quietness, and both in all Sincerity and Goodness; that by his good Example he may both stop the Mouths of his Adversaries, and win the Hearts of all those that believe and profess thy Gospel. Make him, O Lord, on the Days of Heaven, that he may dwell among Kings for ever; and we his Subjects may long live a peaceable and quiet Life, in all Godliness and Honesty under his sacred Government.

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Grant unto him wise and faithful Counsellors, loving and obedient Subjects, dutiful and true Servants. Deliver him, O Lord, from all Conspiracies, Treasons, and other Dangers; and grant him always a glorious Victory over all his Enemies.

Pardon and forgive him all his Sins; make him walk all the days of his Life in thy Commandments, that he may live in thy Fear, and die in thy Favour, and that in the Resurrection of all Flesh, he may receive a Crown of Righteousness, the only thing which he does wish and hope for, through the Merits and Mercies of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer against the Temptation of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

Matth. 26. *Watch and pray, that ye enter not into Temptation.*

O Most Merciful and Mighty God, the Fortress of the Faithful, a Rock of Defence, and Refuge for all the afflicted Souls, which know of no help in the midst of so great Dangers, that without thy Help we cannot avoid our Ruin. I beseech thee, keep my Body and Soul from all Temptations and Snares of the Devil, and suffer not my Senses to range and wander abroad in Matters of Pleasures and Delight, which are to no purpose. Good Lord, take from me that which is deformed and polluted by my corrupt Nature, and work and establish those which thy Grace hath wrought in me, that having thy whole Armour fitted unto me, I may be able to withstand all Assaults of the Enemy. Let me not be drawn away by Sensuality, or any of the Defires of the Flesh, but give me Power to tame

this Body, that by Sobriety, Moderation, and Abstinence from superfluous Things, I may bring it into such Subjection, as I may better serve thee, and walk in the Spirit. Lord, sequester me from the Darkness, Filthiness, and Deceitfulness of this World, that I be not Fashioned like thereunto, to follow the Multitude to do Evil, but being changed by the renewing of my Mind, I may walk uprightly and purely, looking for the Blessed appearing of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. O Lord, be favourable and gracious to me in the Day of Trial, and lead me not further into any Temptation, than thou wilt make me able to bear. Grant, O Lord, that by my Trusting, Fighting, and Faith resisting Satan, and by Watching, Fasting, and Prayer, Mortifying the Lust of the Flesh, and by continual Meditation of thy Holy Law, I may avoid the foolish Vanities, and dangerous Pleasures of this World.

Let not Knowledge puff me up, Prosperity mislead me, Poverty distract me, Sickness or Infirmity incapacitate me, nor this Life being made distrustful in thy Providence, or force me to commit unlawful Means to win them.

Arm me, O Lord, with thy Spirit, encourage me with thy Presence, and let all thy Children feel the effectual working of thy Power, which is ever made perfect through Weakness, even for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for Remission of Sins, and all things needful thereunto.

O Lord God, thou Greatness Infinite, in Power Omnipotent, in Counsel Wonderful, and in Judgment Terrible; although I, miserable Sinner, have by my Sins justly deserved everlasting Damnation for my horrible Sins, yet I beseech thee, take me not away with them that have not known thee, or such as forget God, or such as run on in their Wickedness, and say, what have I done? for I appeal from thy rightful Justice to thine unspeakable Mercy, and humbly cast down my self at thy Feet, and confess my Sins, beseeching, and begging Compassion and Pardon.

Behold Lord, I am a Piece of that Purchase that cost so great a Price as the Blood of thy dear Son, my Body and Soul are the Temples of the Holy Ghost, the Posts whereof are sprinkled with his precious Blood, which crieth for Mercy, and therefore enter not into the Course of Judgment with me, (for there I know I shall be overthrown) but forbear, forgive, and acquit me upon that Satisfaction which he hath made for penitent Sinners.

O Lord, thro' the stipend of my Sin be Death, and merit of my Transgression, Eternal Perdition; yet is thy Mercy above all thy Judgments, and thou canst forgive more than I can offend; wherefore I pray thee, set his Cross and Passion between thy Judgment and my Soul; look upon me with the Eye of Mercy and Compassion, as thou didst upon the sinful

Woman at the Banquet, and the Publican in the Temple, whose Pardons are Registred in thy Book for my Comfort.

O Lord, bow down the Height of thy Deity, to behold my Vileness and Misery. I am a lively Image of the Prodigal Son, who knows no other but only thee, the most loving Father, whom I have so highly Offended. Pour the Oyl of thy Mercy into my defiled and fainting Heart; search it, that it may not flatter my self to extenuate my Sins. Cleanse it and Season it with the Salt of thy Grace, to receive and retain all Goodness hereafter. Lord, I thank thee for thy Patience and Long-suffering, that thou hast not suddenly (according to thy Deserts) taken Vengeance on me, but given me a longer Time of Repentance; wherefore I beseech thee appease thy Anger towards me now, but loose in me the Works of Darkness. Create in me a new Heart; and because thou lookest for my Amendment, I beseech thee grant me thy Favour, that I may Amend. Give me Grace to repent unfeignedly, with Fasting, Weeping, and Mourning, and make my Faith lively to Believe, that I am forgiven in Jesus Christ.

Let not the Faults of my Fore-fathers light upon my Head, who have walked in their sinful Steps; neither be Angry with me for their Sakes: But let the Well-doing of Jesus Christ, who hath shed his Blood for me, Succour me, and Procure my Pardon. Forgive me all my Sins of Youth and Age, Negligences and Ignorances, Thoughts, Words and Deeds; and keep me from presumptuous Sins. O Lord, look not upon the Misery of the Publican, nor upon the Publican's Suit, for he saith little for himself in outward Shew; nor upon Mary Magdalen only, for she had but seven Devils; but look upon me, that am of Sinners the chief, worse than either Pharisee, Publican, or Mary, who as many Sins as Hairs upon my

my Heart, and a greater Clog upon my Conscience, than any Burthen that Mankind is to bear; and I do therefore openly, earnestly, unfeignedly, and continually call upon thee, O Lord, to rescue Satan, that he drive not my Soul upon the Rocks of Despair; deliver me from the Motions of my Mind, fighting against thy Divine Precepts, and restore in me the Image of thy Son, that I may dwell in thy Presence, and in thy Favour, and Rest in thy Peace, Rise in thy Power, and Remain in thy Glory, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for obtaining of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and all Christian Virtues.

Phil. 4. 19. My God shall supply all your Wants, according to his Riches in Glory, by Jesus Christ.

O Father of Light, in whom is every good Thing, and every perfect Gift, I beseech thee to bless me with all Spiritual Blessings in Heavenly things in Christ. Increase the little Grain of my weak and feeble Faith, direct it to the true Object, the Merits of Christ Jesus, and let it not be bare and dead; but effectual, working by Love. Make me strong therein, and constant to give Credit to thy Word, without Doubting; and protect me among the divers and manifold Errors, Sects, and Heresies of the World, that fight against my Foundation. Lord, let not me be disappointed of my Hope, which I have in thee, and make good thy Promises unto me, and so work in my Heart, that I may have Courage in Conflict, Patience in Troubles, and Comfort in all Things. Keep me from Insolency and Pride, and grant me true Humility, and lowliness of Mind, that I be not puffed up to condemn my Brethren;

but give me that due Conſideration of mine own Vileneſs and Infirmities, that as Duſt and Aſhes I may tremble and ſtand in awe of thy Judgments, and as a ſinful Man, deſpair of my ſelf.

O dear Father, when Satan ſhall accuſe me, my Conſcience be witneſs againſt me, the whole World forſake me, and all things ſet themſelves againſt me, for my Sins, then ſtrengthen me (I beſeech thee) in thy Faith, that I fall not from thee; inflame my cold Heart with the heavenly Affection of unfeigned Love, that I may love thee (O bleſſed Trinity) with all that I have, above all, and my Neighbour as my ſelf.

Grant me a compaſſionate and charitable Mind to help and ſuccour others to my Ability, to bear and forgive them, though they be mine Enemies; Purge my Veins, and ſuffer not the ſtinking Poiſon of Envy and Wrath to infect my Blood; and to moderate my Affection, that the Sun go not down upon my Wrath, but that I may be ſatisfied in knowing that Vengeance is thine: Give me Grace to follow the Examples of all painful and godly labouring Men, in Matters of my Vocation, and keep me from the hateful Sin of Sloth and Idleneſs, the Nourſher of Vice, and the High-way to Beggary. Grant me a contented Mind againſt Covetouſneſs, a moderate Appetite againſt Gluttony and Surfeits, and a chaſte Body from diſordered Luſt. Comfort me, O Lord, in all grievous Accidents, and at the Point of Death, and give me Grace to faſten all my Confidence in thee, that whereas now I ſee by Faith only (as it were in a Glaſs darkly) I may then ſee Face to Face, the only Thing which I deſire and Hope for, through Jeſus Chriſt.

A Prayer before the Receiving of the Holy Communion.

1 Cor. 11. 26. *As often as you eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, you do shew the Lord's Death until he come.*

O Lord, God merciful Father, which after the the Sacrament of Regeneration, hath appointed us to receive oftimes the Blessed Sacrament of the Supper, instituted by our Saviour Christ, immediately before his Death, for Confirmation of our Faith; have Mercy upon me vile Wretch, who, for my natural Corruptions, and manifold Transgressions, am not worthy to approach unto thy Table, or come near thy Holy Presence.

O Gracious God, Pardon me, and Disdain not to accept me into thy Favour, but forgive me all the Sins that I have done, or said, or thought, in Pride, Wrath, Envy, Idolatry, Sloth, Covetousness, or Wantonness. Give me a true and lively Faith to believe thy Word, and the Promise of my Pardon assured in thy Sacrament.

Inflame me with Love and Charity towards all Men, to forgive and forget, to do Good, to pray for them, that I may follow the steps of my Blessed Saviour. Open the Eyes of my Understanding, and help me to examine my self concerning my Knowledge, Faith and Repentance. Give me Hunger and Thirst after this Righteousness, satisfie me with this Heavenly Food, make me verily Partaker of all the Benefits of his Passion.

O dear Lord Jesus, since thou hast suffered so many Things for my sake, and hast commanded me not to dispair, or distrust thy Goodness, grant me Grace so to eat of this Bread, and to drink of this Cup, worthily, that I may continually remain in thy Grace and Favour.

O Lord God, the Fathers give me the full Consolation of this Mystery, and Commemoration of that most precious Death of thine, my Saviour, Jesus Christ; that my Faith may be strengthened, my Hope confirmed, my Charity increased, my weak Conscience certified, all Danger removed, and my Soul assured of her Salvation in the Blood of Christ: Let not Profaneness enter into my Heart, so long as I am about this holy Action; but give me Grace to receive with Purity of Heart, and Cleanness of Soul, with Love, Dread, and Faith unfeigned.

Have Mercy upon me, good Lord, that by unworthy Receiving I be not guilty of his precious Body and Blood, who came down from Heaven, lifed with Men, and Swam thro' a Red Sea of Blood in his Agony and Passion, to be my Redeemer. Have Mercy upon the whole Church, and to this purpose, have Mercy upon this Company, with whom I now (by thy Mercy) communicate in these Holy Mysteries, that they may serve and please thee in this holy Service, and all other Actions of their Life, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

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2 Cor. 11. 28. *Let a Man examine himself, and so*

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, I am a wretched sinner, and my Heart is but a loathsome Pit of all Corruption, wilfully and foolishly, ignorantly, and presumptuously, I have sinned against thee, unto whom all Hearts are open, all Desires known, and from whom no Secrets of my Soul are hidden: But now I come unto thee, as a sick Man to the Physician, as an unclean Man to the Well of Mercy and Grace. Offend in the precious blood-shedding of Jesus Christ, and repentant to my Soul in this blessed Sacrament. Have Mercy upon me, (O Lord) have Mercy upon me, and forgive me all the Evils that I am guilty of. Give me Grace that I may discern the Lord's Body, and receive it Spiritually, and by Faith in the Sacrament; with such Chastity of Body, Humbleness of Mind, Thankfulness of Soul, Contrition, and dread Reverence, as is meet for so high a Mistery. O Lord Jesus, it is truly said of thee, that thou didst receive Sinners, and eat with them, and I verily believe, that thou art the same still, full of Goodness and Mercy; wherefore I beseech thee, leave me not to my self, reject me not from thy Table. Come into my Heart, and Purge me from all Filthiness of the Flesh, and of the Spirit. Enter into my Soul, seal and sanctifie me both within and without. O Lord, be not Angry with me, a barren and dry Tree, a Creature with a Face of Brass, and Heart of Flint. I have not shed so many Tears as are sufficient to wash thy Feet with *Mary Magdalen*,

but thou hast shed as much of thine own Blood, as sufficeth to wash away all the Sins of me, and all the World. Then be not Angry with me, O Lord, but let thy Grace supply my Wants, let thy Mercy pardon my Sins, let thy Holy Spirit prepare my Soul, thy Merits enrich my Poverty, and thy most precious Blood wash away all the Spots of my Life, that I may worthily receive this Heavenly Sacrament; so that I may be strengthened thereby, and thoroughly filled with the heavenly Food of thy Body, and Blood, for the Mortification of the old Man, and the Confirmation of my Soul. O Lord, hear my Prayers, and grant my Requests, I beseech thee. Amen.

A Prayer after the Receiving of the Holy Communion.

1 Cor. 5. 7. *Purge out therefore the old Leaven, that ye may be a new Lump, as ye are unleavened: For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

O Jesus, the Son of God, my Lord and Saviour, with all humble and hearty Thanks, I praise thee for suffering Death upon the Cross for my Sins, and admitting me, a miserable Sinner, to the Participation of this blessed Sacrament, the Memorial of my Redemption. Let me (O Lord) find and feel in my Heart the invisible Power of thy heavenly Grace, effectually working the Transformation of me into thee, the wonderful Union of me with thee, thy spiritual Habitation and Abode in me.

Apply all thy merits and good Things unto my Soul. Let me never doubt the forgiveness of my Sins, but ever open the Door of this Sanctuary to me, that I may run thither in my greatest Need, and

and apprehend the gracious Pardon, ratified by the Seal of thy Covenant.

O Lord, in this Life, revive and renew me, that I may disclaim my old Conversation, and become a new Man. Keep me that I fall not out of this Building, nor become as a Branch cut off, and good for nothing, but as thou hast severed me from the Wicked, in calling me to the Knowledge of thee, so keep me from all their Corruptions. Give me a perfect Love towards thee, that I may not delight in any thing out in thee, nor seek any other Honour but thine.

O Lord Jesus, I meekly beseech thee, let thy Holy Spirit strengthen me against my Frailty, thy Power and Strength defend me against worldly Troubles and Adversities, thy Merits purchase my needful Pardon, and thy Blood be the Medicine for all my Sores, even for thy Name sake. *Amen.*

Another of the same, after the Communion.

Joh. 15. 13. Greater love hath no Man than this, that a Man lay down his Life for his Friends.

O Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, which hast so loved Mankind, that thou hast not only been contented to become one with him, but also Meat unto him, and to die for him upon the Cross; Grant, I beseech thee, that this my Receiving of this Sacrament may be a true Testimony to thy Conscience, that I have, through Faith in thee, received full Remission of what is past, and am become, as it were, a new Creature in thy Sight.

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O sweet Jesus, which hast vouchsafed me such a Favour and Honour as to come to thy Table and feed upon thee; grant me Grace, I humbly entreat thee, so to perform and fulfil my Duty, as this Honour which thou hast done to me requireth; Link me unto thee, and give me power and strength to believe thy Promises, without distrust, and to shew my Religion by my good Life and Conversation. Assist me with thy Grace, that I may walk worthy of this blessed Sacrament, to love thee and thy Law unfeignedly, and utterly to forsake Vanity, Idolatry, carnal Desires, and all the Works of the Devil.

Lord God, so moderate and order all mine Affections, that I may be joyned with the Brethren together in Holy Love, which is the Bond of Peace; and truly fastened unto thee, my Head forever. Stir up my Mind that I may always consider the Bitterness of thy Death, the greatness of thy Love, and never forget to be thankful to thee.

O blessed Lord, preserve and maintain this Ordinance amongst us, that it may be always a Note and Badge of our publick Profession, and give us all one Heart, and one Mind, in the Unity of the Spirit, from the reverend and worthy Receiving the same, whensoever we shall come to thy holy Table again. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Fruits of the Earth, and other Nourishment of this Mortal Life.

All wait upon thee (O Lord) that thou mayest give them their Meat in due Season.

O Eternal God, which feedest with thy Blessing every living Thing, satisfiest the lawful Desires of thy Servants with thy bountiful Goodness, we wretched Sinners, unworthy of the least of thy Benefits, do most humbly beseech thee to be pleased to bless all the Fruits of the Earth, that we, and all thy Servants, may be Partakers of thy Comforts therein, for the Nourishment of this Life.

Give us, O Lord, this Day our daily Bread, prepare our Ground, and prosper our Corn. Bless the Seed-time with the first and latter Rain in their due Season and meet Temperature of Air. Keep our Fruits while they be in the Earth from Hail and Thunder, from excessive Droughts, and over-much Rain, from Mildews, and all noisom Worms. Send us a joyful Harvest, and give a Blessing to that which we shall Reap, that for our unthankfulness it waste not away without Relief. Increase our Cattel, with all our other Provisions which we shall carefully Labour for. Replenish our Basket, and bless our Store, that we may have wherewith as to furnish ourselves, so to give some Relief to others. Protect our Servants and Work-folks, that they may be strong to labour, wise to fore-cast, and faithful in their Business. Keep our Graneres, Barns, and Store-houses, from Fire, and boisterous Winds, Thieves, and sudden Inundations: Prosper our Works and Travels, whether

whether by Sea or Land, and bless and prosper them that any way Labour for any of those things which we shall have occasion to use.

Send remedy, O Lord, for all hardness and Misery, turn our Dearth into Cheapness, and our Scarsity into Plenty. Open the Hearts of Rich Men, to whom thou hast given much, that they may have a charitable Respect of the Poor at all times. Help us, O Lord, and give us such Things as we stand in Need of, and make us to desire such Things only as may be pleasing unto thee; to search them wisely, and find them easily. Oppress us not with too much Poverty, neither puff us up with too much Plenty, but give us such a competent Store of Things as is necessary for our Life, and give us Grace to use them soberly, to thy Glory and our Comfort, thro' Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Friends and Benefactors.

1 Pet. 4. 8. *Charity shall cover a multitude of Sins.*

O Lord God, which hast said, *That he that giveth to the Poor, lendeth unto the Lord, and looks what he layeth out it shall be paid him again.* We beseech thee to be gracious and merciful unto all those for whom we are bound to pray by Nature, by Desert, or any other Duty whatsoever, all our Benefactors, and Friends alive, even all those our Parents, Kinsfolks, and others, which have brought us up, taught, promoted or any way revived us. Bless them with all Blessings that have done Good, either to our Bodies with temporal Benefits, or our Souls with profitable Instructions. Bless our Estates, that in their godly Disposition, they may always have wherewith to comfort and and relieve others in their Distress: Give

Give them the Consolation of the Holy Ghost, to the keeping of Faith and a good Conscience. And as they have shewed Mercy to us, and comforted us; so, Lord, help and comfort them in their greatest Need, that both they and their Families may both have comfort in their Estate and Condition here, and find Mercy with thy Son, our Saviour Jesus, at the latter end.

Lord, let all their Alms-deeds and Prayers, be always in thy Sight as those of *Cornelius*; that as they have been unto us an Odour, that smelleth sweet, whereby we have received Plenty, and been filled; so they may be as Sacrifices acceptable and pleasant unto thee. Vouchsafe us thy Grace (O Lord) that we be not guilty of any Ingratitude towards them, but rather ready, according to our abilities, to recompence them, if Need require.

Let not that which they have bestowed upon us, be cast away, but make it fruitful, and us worthy of it. Grant this, O thou God, which dost Good both to the Just and Unjust, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another in time of War.

Psal. 74. 18. *Remember this, that the Enemy hath reproached thee, O Lord; and that the foolish People have blasphemed thy Name.*

O God, mighty in Battle, we beseech thee, bear not in mind our vile Deserts, but of thy Mercy pity thy poor afflicted, endanger'd, and persecuted Church. Consider and behold, how they which hate thy Sanctuary, are now up in Arms to root us out from the Earth, for our Profession of the Truth. Therefore, O Lord, we pray thee maintain thine

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own Cause. Bless our Forces by Sea and Land, and grant to the People one Heart, one Mind, and one Strength. Give unto our Commanders and Captains, Wisdom and Courage, Wisely to fore-see, and Valiantly to defeat the Devices of their Enemies. Keep all the Soldiers from Treason and Treachery, the Leaders from wrong Plots, the People from Tumults, and all of them from those Sins and Enormities that follow the Camp, and the Evil that may follow the same.

Strengthen O Lord and hold up the Hand of Mercy, and the Weapons of the Church, Prayers and Tears, that our Fasting and Prayer may be heard, and we may have the Victory. Put Sisera to flight in thy good time; and rather than he return to do Mischief, bring him to his End by a Hand unlook'd for. Turn the Weapons of him and his Followers into their own Bosoms; scatter, break, and sink their Ships; destroy their Armies; confound their Forces. Consider O Lord the end of our Enterprize, how we fight for thy Truth, and either reconcile us to our Enemies by thy Spirit, to worship one God, and hold one Truth, or else abate their Pride, and confound them in their Malice, to thy Honour and Glory, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Another in time of War.

Psal. 34. 17. *The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.*

O Lord God of Hosts, that hath heretofore sundry Times miraculously defended us, we beseech thee shew thy self in this needful Time; bless and preserve us, who have reposed our Trust only in thee. Bless our Armies abroad, which are joyned together for the Defence of thy Truth, and the Safety of our Country: Sanctify us likewise, at home, to please thee, that whatsoever they or we do may prosper.

Be present and president at all their Consultations, and give thou the casting Voice in all Determinations. Suggest heroical Motion into the Hearts of their Leaders: Banish all Heart-burnings and Divisions: And assist them with the Spirit of Unity and Concord, that they may strive all one good Way. Make them Wiser than their Enemies: Yea, give them more Experience than the Aged, and better Intelligence, and more sound Advertisements than their Foes. Lord, anoint their Shields, bless their Swords, hallow and consecrate all their Weapons and Engines of War, with happy Success to do thy Will.

Bless the Season of the Year unto them, and sweeten the close Air in their Multitude, that neither Sun nor Moon annoy them, nor Alteration of the Diet, or Place, disable them from their Service. Command the Winds and Sea to favour them, and let the Land speak Peace unto them, O Lord, disappoint the Counsels and Power of thine Enemies, and make a joyful Peace for thy Servants, through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for Comfort to the Sick Persons.

Hos. 6. 1. *Come and let us return unto the Lord: For he hath torn, and he will heal us: He hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*

MOst gracious Lord God, and loving Father, which giveth Health, to make us the better to acknowledge thee, and thy Fatherly kindness towards us, and sometimes sends Sickness to retain us to amendment, when we have sinned against thee: We thy humble Servants, for this and all thy Servants thus afflicted, do humbly beseech thee, not to enter into a severe Judgment with him for his Life and Condition, but in remembrance of thine own Mercy to forgive him his Sins, and upon the Satisfaction of thy Son, to acquit him of thy Judgments. O Lord grant him a true zeal of thy Holy Name, and all affections agreeable to thy blessed Will, that he may rightly receive the gracious Offers of thy great Mercy. Qualifie, Lord, all those Troubles which either the grievousness of his Sins remembred, or the bitterness of his Pangs sustained, the subtilty of the common Enemy, or the fear of Death, may bring upon him, and lay no more upon him, O Lord, than he shall be able to bear. Speak comfortably unto his Soul, as thou hast done unto all those that have sought for Comfort in the like Extremities of Tribulations. Dispose and move his Heart to receive this thy Fatherly Correction, and gracious Visitation, with the Patience of *Job*, the Faith of *Abraham*, the Joy of *Paul*, the Courage of *Peter*, and a true Submission to thy blessed Will, either for Life or Death; and though that these outward Senses, the Tongue and Voice,

Voice, be not so quick as they have been to praise thee, and pray unto thee, yet, Lord, we beseech thee, stir up his Heart, inflame and inspire his Mind to perform all such Things as thou requirest, and may be profitable for his Soul, in this Combat and Extremity.

Apply, O Lord, the holy and wholesome Medicines of thy Son's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, unto the Soul of this poor Creature, against the Extremity of Fear, Faintness, Doubt, and Desperation. Take away the Extremity of his Pain, mitigate his Sorrows, make his Bed, wipe all his Tears from his Eyes, and ease his careful Conscience; Comfort him at the Hour of his Departure; when thou shalt call, open to him the Gate of Mercy; open thine Arms to receive him into thy Favour, that when the Time is come, he may go to the Grave in Peace, being upholden by thee, in the Assurance of a free Pardon for all his Sins, and the hope of a joyful Resurrection. And in the mean Time, O Lord, settle his Spirits, that they do not wander or fly out into any unruly Motions. Continue his Remembrance, that he may not forget thee, but daily and hourly have thee in Mind, which is the Anchor of his Safety. Keep his Tongue from all vain and idle Talk, his Heart from all Fears, and protect him safe under thy Wing. Be merciful unto us, who, as feeling Members of one Body, adore thy holy Name, and implore thy Divine Help for this thy Servant, and let this Example teach us more Humility, Fear, and Reverence, towards thee now and ever. Hear our Prayers, O Lord, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

Fatherly Correction, and gracious Visitation, with the Patience of Job, the Faith of Abraham, the Joy of Paul, the Courage of Peter, and a true Submission unto thy sanctified Will, either for Life or Death; and though that their outward Senses, the Tongue and Voice,

Another for Comfort to the Sick.

James 5. 15. *The Prayer of Faith shall save the Sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: And if he have committed Sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

O Lord God, which both in Sickness and Health hath appointed us to pray one for another, Promising a Blessing in the greatest Extremities; we poor Sinners, do present our selves before thy Majesty, in the Behalf of this thy poor Servant, that lieth visited under thy Hand; O good Lord, we beseech thee, Seal in his Heart, by thy holy Spirit, the Forgiveness of all Sins. Let the sweet Feeling and Taste of a lively Faith, drive out all the filthy Corruptions that are in him, that his Body and Soul may be presented pure and undefiled unto thee, in the Blood of thy Son.

Lord, lay not to his Charge what he hath said, or done amiss, throughout all the whole Course of his Life, but rear him up in Hope, speak comfortably unto his Soul, and lead him by thy Spirit unto the Treasures of thy Mercy. Take from him the Fear and Sorrow of Death, raise the Seige of his spiritual Enemies that are round about him, and give him Strength against all the Assaults of the Devil, that he may have a perfect Victory, even the Knowledge of thee (which he hath learned since thou didst call him) stand him now in stead, and relieve his Faith, that he may have true Repentance, and yield unto thee true Obedience, and ready Thanks for whatsoever thou shalt do unto him.

O Lord, give unto him a Taste of thy Glory, and those Joys which thou hast prepared for him, that in the Comfort thereof he may fight a good

Fight,

Fight, keeping the Faith; and when the time of his Departure shall come, give him Grace willingly to forsake this present evil World, to die in thy Favour, and to live with thee for ever. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer before a Man undertakes a Journey, by Sea or Land.

Exod. 33. 14. *And he said, My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee Rest.*

Deut. 1. 33. *Who went in the Way before you, to search you out a Place to pitch your Tents in, in Fire by Night, to shew you by what Way you should go, and in a Cloud by Day.*

Psal. 121. 8. *The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and for evermore.*

Psal. 91. 11. *For he shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy Ways.*

Psal. 107. 7. *And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a City of habitation.*

Psal. 32. 8. *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*

Psal. 48. 14. *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.*

Psal. 73. 24. *Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.*

Isa. 42. 16. *And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not: I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.*

Isa. 58. 11. *And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.*

Isa. 63. 14. *As a beast goeth down into the valley, and the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.*

Jer. 31. 9. *They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.*

Jer. 50. 5. *They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.*

Ezek. 36. 27. *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

Ezek. 39. 29. *Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.*

Matth. 28. 20. *Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

Luke 1. 79. *To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

John 14. 16. *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.*

John 16. 13. *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

Rom. 8. 14. *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Rom. 8. 26. *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Rom. 8. 27. *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Rom. 8. 28. *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Rom. 8. 31. *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Rom. 8. 32. *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

Rom. 8. 34. *Who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Rom. 8. 35. *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

Rom. 8. 38. *For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

Rom. 8. 39. *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Rom. 15. 13. *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

Heb. 13. 20. *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*

Heb. 13. 21. *Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 John 5. 14. *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.*

1 John 5. 15. *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

MOst Gracious God and Keeper of *Israel*, who preserveſt our Going out and Coming in, into thy Hands I commit my ſelf, and all that I have, either at Home or Abroad. In the Name of Jeſus that was wearied in his Journey, and ſet down upon the Well; I beſeech thee to direct my Paths in this my Journey, as thou didſt *Jacob* in his Journey to *Laban*, *Joſhua* at Sea, and the Children of *Iſrael* in the Wilderneſs, and paſſing over *Jordan*. Grant me Health, Strength, and Courage, and refreſh me when I am Weary; keep me from all the Hands of Spoilers, the Slight and Deceit of Thieves and Robbers, and from ſavage Beaſts. Grant that whereſoever I come, I may find godly Men, which may Honeſtly, Religiouſly, and Courteouſly entertain me. Keep me from lewd Company, that I partake not of their Wickedneſs. But let thy Fear be always before mine Eyes, to avoid all wandring Paths. Shew

Shew me, O Lord, in the Day-time, thy comfortable Pillar of Cloud; and in the Night thy Pillar of Fire, that both Day and Night I may see to escape thy Hands of all mine Enemies, and they may be afraid to attempt any Thing against me, when they shall see thy wonderful Protection of me.

O Eternal God, which dost and canst do all things, and openest and shuttest what thou pleasest, Make me Partaker of all good Prayers. Furnish me with Necessaries while I shall be abroad, as Bread to eat, and Cloaths to put on; and when my Business is finished, bring me Home again; and grant that I may find my Friends, Wife, Children and Family in perfect Health at my Return; yet, O Lord, if thou hast so appointed, that before I return I must go to my long Home, and die in this Voyage, I beseech thee, that upon whatsoever this Vessel of my Body be Split, or wheresoever this Tabernacle fall, yet my Soul may be saved, and arrive at the Land of Promises, the everlasting Haven of the Elect, for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Time of any present Danger, or other Affliction.

Job 2. 10. What shall we receive Good at the Hand of God, and shall we not receive Evil?

O Eternal God, which shut est and no Man openeth, and openest, and no Man shutteth; my humble Request unto thee, I for my self, and all such as suffer any Cross of Affliction in Body and Mind, that it would please thee to send them Ease and Deliverance, in thy good time.

For my self, O Lord, I beseech thee give me Grace to acknowledge this grievous Affliction to be thy Fatherly Correction of my Sins, that I may learn to be more careful of my Duty. I thank thee, that thou hast not more upon me, nor punished me to my Confusion; I beseech thee, grant me a more patient Mind, and stay thy Hand in due time, that I may recover my Strength, with Comfort in thee. All is thine, and thou art all; to thee, therefore, do I fly for Succour, for there is none but under thy Wings. The Sorrows of Help, do compass me round about, the Fear of Death is before mine Eyes: Help! O help me! Save me! O save me, for thine own sake, for thy Son's sake, for thy Mercies sake, for I am the Workmanship of thy Hands.

Keep my Senses, Understanding, and Judgment, from every Conceit that tendeth to fear, fury, or distrust in thy Mercy. O Lord, advise and teach me Wisdom, and Moderation in my Grief; yea, with thy Power over-rule, that it be not my Overthrow.

Of thy Mercy, Lord, comfort the appaled Consciences

sciences of all that grieve under the Burthen of their Sins, fearing the Heaviness of thy Wrath. Have Mercy upon all those whose tender Affections are too nearly touched with the Loss of their Companions, Children, or Friends, and let them not take any Thing to Heart, otherwise than may stand with good Discretion, Reason, and Christian Moderation.

Give thy Comforts and Consolations unto all those that, by any Means suffer Trouble or Torments for the Profession of the Gospel, or the Service of their Sovereign. And if it please thee to detain some under a long Cross, either for thy great Glory, or their farther Tryal; yet, Lord, let them not be tempted above their Strength, that so they may persevere unto the End.

O Lord, weaken the Power of Satan, and the Tyranny of his Ministers, which either by inward Temptations, or outward Violence, have bred the Woe of thy Servants; and rid them from all their Troubles, that they may sing joyful Praises unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To such Purpose also may serve the Prayer of one Afflicted in Conscience.

A Prayer in Time of Plague, or other extraordinary Sickneſs.

1 Sam. 2. 6. *The Lord killeth and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the Grave and raiſeth up.*

O Lord our God, in whoſe Name ſtandeth our Help, and who, among other Evil, haſt promiſed us, to deliver thy People from the Snare of the Hunter, and the noiſome Peſtilence; We beſeech thee take this thy Plague away from us, and as the Stench of our Sins hath aſcended up into thy Noſtrils, to provoke thy Wrath againſt us, ſo let our humble Supplications come before thee, to procure our happy and ſpeedy Releaſe from it. Lord, call back thine Angel, and cauſe him to ſheath the Sword again. We are thy Children, the Work of thy Hands: We are ſorry for our Sins, which are the Cauſe of all this, and we purpoſe Amendment: We are but Men, Duſt and Aſhes, not able to bear long; therefore Lord have Mercy upon us, and that ſoon; ſend us Comfort, and ſuffer us not to periſh after ſo miſerable a Sort.

We thank thee, O Lord, that thou haſt not left us altogether Comfortleſs without Hope, but haſt ſomewhat with-drawn thy Hand, and ſpared many Hundreds of us, in Compariſon of thoſe whom thou ſlewеſt before. And now we rejoyce at this Abatement, yet ſtand in Awe; we preſume upon this thy Favour, but with fear and Trembling: We truſt it ſhall be every Day better, yet we are care-

ful to win it by pleasing thee. Wherefore (O Lord) we beseech thee bless us, and all those that depend upon us: set thy saving Mark upon our Houses, as thou didst for the *Israelites*, and give Order to the Destroyer that he hurt us not. Put thy Strength to our Medicines, guard our Regard which we have of our selves. Let thy Blessing make the Preservatives of the Physicians, and our shutting Places of more Security, profitable unto us; and let us not trust too much in outward Means, but chiefly in thy Mercy and and Blessing upon them. Keep us Down-lying, Up-rising, and protect us walking in our Vocations.

Have pity upon our distressed Brethren, comfort the Desolate Widows, provide for all fatherless Children; gather us together again, that by these Means are dispersed, and continue thy merciful Work, in Diminishing our dead Members, till we justly say in Confidence and Thanks with the Prophet, *We shall not die, but live and declare the Works of the Lord.* Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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A Prayer to be uſed in Time of Thunder and Lightning.

Pſal. 18. 13. *The Lord thundred in the Heavens, and the Higheſt gave his Voice, Hail-ſtones and Coals of Fire.*

O Almighty and Eternal God, by whoſe power the Mountains ſmoke, the Heavens tremble, and the Earth ſhaketh; at whoſe Anger the Sea roar, the Waters ſwell, and the fearful Depths are broken up, preſerve us, we beſeech thee, from thine unſupportable Wrath, procured by our Sins; call them not into Judgment, but mercifully forgive them, and look Chearfully upon us in Chriſt Jeſus thy Son, and our Advocate: Defend us from all Evil, now threatned in this Storm; make our Habitations like the Land of *Goſhen*, in the time of the Plague of *Egypt*, and keep us from ſudden and untimely Death. Grant, O Lord, that this great and fearful Tempeſt of Rain, Thunder and Lightning may paſs away without doing any hurt to the Bodies, Houſes, or Goods of us, or any of our Brethren; O Lord hear us, O Lord ſave us, that with joyful Hearts, we may give Thanks unto thee now and ever-more. *Amen.*

The antient Prayer, called, O Bountiful JESUS.

O Bountiful Jesus, which art full of Mercy and Truth, have pity upon me, according to thy great Mercy, by the same precious Blood which thou wast content to shed upon the Cross for us miserable Sinners. I beseech thee, vouchsafe to cast all mine Iniquities out of thy Sight, and despise not me who thus humbly beg of thee, crying and calling upon thy holy Name, a Name of Salvation; but what is Jesus but Saviour.

O God which hast created me, and redeemed with thine own Blood, suffer me not (whom thou hast made of nought) to be damned. Let not my Wickedness have Power to destroy me, whom thine Almighty Goodness hath made. I acknowledge that which is thine in me, and that which is not of thee, take that away from me. O Lord, even now, while the Time of Mercy is, have Mercy upon me, and let me not be confounded at the time of thy fearful Judgments.

O good Jesus, although I, a vile Sinner, by the strict Justice, have deserved to be punished Everlastingly for my most grievous Sins, yet, having sure Confidence in the Truth of thy Righteousness, I Appeal to thy unspeakable Mercy, I am sure thou wilt have Mercy upon me, like a loving and a merciful Father.

O Lord, what Profit is there in my Blood, if I descend into the Pit of eternal Corruption? For surely they that be Dead shall not Magnifie thee, or any that go down into the Place of Silence. O most merciful Saviour, have Mercy upon me.

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O Jesus, accept me, a vile Sinner, among the Number of them whom thou hast elected to Salvation. Thou art the Health of all that Hope in thee; have Mercy upon me, and remit all my Sins; O pour thy Grace into my Heart, endue me with Wisdom, Charity, Chastity, and Humility, and in all my Adversity grant me a holy, inviolable, and stedfast Patience, that I may perfectly love thee, and have my only Delight and Affiance in thee, World without End. *Amen.*

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The Third Part.

DAVID's Suit.

Pſal. 142. 2.

I poured out my Complaint before him, I ſhewed him my Trouble.

Orig. ſup. Levit. Hom. Cap. 16.
Unuſquiſque holocauſtum, &c.
Every one hath his Sacrifice to do.

This Part contains Prayers in the Names of divers Parties of ſeveral Eſtates.

Queen ELIZABETH's Prayer, Thanksgiving for the overthrow of the Spanish Navy, sent to invade England, &c. Dom. 1588.

O Most Omnipotent Creator, Redeemer, and Conserver, when it seemed a most fit time to thy Worthy Providence to bring the Work-manship of this World's Globe, with the rare Judgment; then didst divide to four Parts, the Form of all that Body, which art hath termed Elements, appointing to continue orderly Government when of thy most [illegible] and nothing keen Care, that hath [illegible] mients to daunt our [illegible] tice; I most humbly, with bowed Heart, and Knees, do render my humble Acknowledgment of lowest Thanks: And not in the least, for that weakest Sex hath been to Fortified by the Heavenly help, that neither my People need fear Weakness, nor Foreigners Triumph at my Weakness, for Foreigners Triumph at my Weakness, for [illegible] hath been thy unwonted Grace to me [illegible] Satan had never had Duty [illegible] for my Life and Care, yet thy [illegible] spread forth with the Shade [illegible]

Queen ELIZABETH's *Prayer of Thankſgiving for the overthrow of the* Spaniſh *Navy, ſent to Invade* England, *An. Dom.* 1558.

MOſt Omnipotent Creator, Redeemer, and Conſerver, when it ſeemed a moſt fit time to thy Worthy Providence to beſtow the Workmanſhip of this World's Globe, with thy rare Judgment; thou didſt divide in four ſingular Parts, the Form of all this Mold, which after-time hath termed Elements, all they ſerving to continue in orderly Government of all the Maſs. Which all, when of thy moſt ſingular Bounty, and never yet ſeen Care, that haſt this Year made ſerve for Inſtruments to daunt our Foes, and confound their Malice; I moſt humbly, with bowed Heart, and bended Knees, do tender my humble Acknowledgments, and loweſt Thanks: And not in the leaſt, for that the weakeſt Sex hath been ſo Fortified by the ſtrongeſt Help, that neither my People need find lack by Weakneſs, nor Foreigners Triumph at my Ruin: Such hath been thy unwonted Grace in my Days, as though Satan had never made Holy-day in practiſing for my Life and State, yet thy Mighty Hand hath over-ſpread both with the Shade of thy Wings, ſo that neither hath been overthrown, nor received Shame, but abide with Bleſſing, to thy moſt greateſt Glory, and their great Ignominy. For which, Lord, of thy meer Goodneſs, grant us Grace to be hourly Thankful and ever Mindful. And if it may

please thee to grant my Request, give us thy Countenance and Favour in my Days, of like Goodness, that my Years may never see change of such Grace to me, and especially of this Kingdom: Which, Lord, grant (for thy Son's sake) may flourish many Ages after my end.

Queen ELIZABETH's Prayer for the Success of her Navy, Anno Dom. 1599.

MOst Omnipotent Maker, Guider of all the World's Mass, that only searchest and fathomest the bottom of all Hearts Conceits, and in them seest the true Original of all Actions intended: Thou that by thy Fore-sight dost truly discern how no Malice or Revenge, nor Quittance of Injury, nor desire of Blood-shed, nor Greediness of Lucre, hath bred the Resolution of our now set out Army; but a heedful Care, and a wary Watch, that no neglect of Foes, nor oversurity of Harm, might breed either Danger to us, or Glory to them.

These being the Grounds, that thou did inspire the Mind, we humbly beseech thee with bended Knees, prosper the Work, and with the best Forewinds speed the Journey, give the Victory, and make the Return the Advancement of thy Glory, the Triumph of thy Fame, and the Surety of the Realm, with the least loss of English Blood. To these devout Petitions, Lord give thy blessed Grant, Amen.

Queen

Queen Elizabeth's *Prayer for her Navy,* 1597.

O God, All-maker, Keeper, and Guider; Instrument of thy rarely seen unused, and seldom heard-of Goodness, poured in so plentiful Sort upon us full oft, breeds now this boldness to crave with bended Knees, and Hearts of Humility, thy large Hand of helping Power, to assist with Wonder our just Cause, not founded on Pride's Motion, nor begun on Malice-stock, but as thou best knowest (to whom nought is hid) grounded on our Defence from Wrongs, Hate, and bloody Desires of Conquest.

For since thou hast imparted Means to save that which thou hast given, by enjoying of such a People as scorn their Blood shed where Safety is none, to use all lawful Means to defend themselves: Fortify, dear God, such Hearts, in such Sort as their best Parts may be worst, that are the worst, that to the truest Part, meant worst, may redound to a happy Victory, with least loss to such a Nation, as despise their Lives for their Countries Good, in a good Cause, that all foreign Lands may land and admire the Omnipotency of thy Works, a Fact alone for thee only to perform? So shall thy Name be spread for Wonders wrought, and the faithful Incouraged to repose in thy unfollowed Grace, and we that minded nought but right, be inchanted in thy Bonds for perpetual Slavery, and live and die in the Sacrifices of our Souls, for such obtained Favour: Warrant, dear Lord, all this with thy Command. *Amen.*

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The Housholder's Prayer.

Psal. 55. 22. *Cast thy Burthen upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: He shall not suffer the Righteous to be moved.*

O Most mighty God, merciful and loving Father, I wretched Sinner come unto thee, in the Name of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer, and most humbly beseech thee to be merciful unto me, and to cast all my Sins out of thy Sight and Remembrance, through the Merits of his bloody Death and Passion. Pour upon me (O Lord) thy holy Spirit of Wisdom and Grace; govern and lead me by thy holy Word, that it may be a Lanthorn to my Feet, and a Light upon my Steps: Shew thy Mercy upon me, and so lighten the natural Blindness and Darkness of my Heart, through thy Grace, that I may be daily renew'd by the same Spirit of Grace: By the which, O Lord, Purge the grossness of my Hearing and Understanding, that I may profitably Read, Hear, and Understand thy Word, and heavenly Will, believe and Practice the same in my Life and Conversation, and evermore hold fast the blessed Hope of eternal Life.

Mortify and kill all Vice in me, that my Life may express my Faith in thee; Mercifully hear the humble Suit of thy Servant, and grant me thy Peace all my Days: Graciously pardon all my Infirmities, and defend me in all Dangers of Body, Goods, or Name; but most chiefly my Soul, against all Assaults, Temptations, Accusations, subtle Slights, and Baits of that old Enemy of Mankind, Satan, that roaring Lyon, ever seeking whom he may Devour: Favourably

ably protect and keep all that thou hast given me, Wife, Children, or Servants; and aid me, O Lord, with thy Grace, that I may be able to govern, nourish, and bring them up in thy Fear and Service.

Cast a gracious Eye upon me, and lead me thy directing Hand, that the Labour and Pains, which I am to undertake this Day may prosper, and let all my dealing be just and true: Bless (O Lord) thy Universal Church, and perfect the Work which thou hast begun amongst us. Bear our most gracious KING, and all His Princely PROGENY, always in thine own Bosom, and let thine Eyes always upon His for Good. Let the Spirit of Knowledge and Holiness remain in His Ministers. Bless all His Councels with Wisdom and Discretion, His Nobles with Fortitude and Courage, His Judges with Justice and Mercy, His Magistrates with Diligence and Faithfulness, His People with Fear and Obedience, that we may all with one Mind, and one Mouth, say with the Prophet, *He that is mighty hath done great things for us, and Holy is his Name.* Amen.

Another for the Housholders.

Ephes. 6. 9. *Know that your Masters also is in Heaven, neither is there respect of Persons with him.*

LEad me (O Lord) in the way of thy Truth and Righteousness, and govern all mine Actions to all thy Glory, the good of thy Church, and the discharge of my Duty; defend and deliver me from all Temptations, from all mine Enemies, and from all

all Deceits and Dangers. Kindle in my Heart, and Mind, a fervent Zeal of thy Holy Word, that I may underſtand and know thy Will, and walk in thy Ways; ſtrengthen me with thy Holy Spirit, boldly and conſtantly to profeſs the Honour and Service of thy holy Name, leaſt, at any time, thro' fear of worldly Afflictions, I fall from thee.

Give me a contented Mind with my Eſtate, and ſuch Bleſſings as thou (O Lord) of thy bountiful Goodneſs and Mercy haſt beſtow'd upon me, that I may uſe them, and be thankful for them; Grant me Patience in all my Troubles and Afflictions, that I neither grudge at thy Fatherly Corrections, knowing them to be Tokens of thy Love and Inſtruments of my Exerciſe and Tryal; neither ſeek Revenge of my Wrongs, knowing Vengeance to be thine, and and that thou wilt reward it in due ſeaſon.

Keep my Mind from all evil Thoughts, my Tongue from lewd and vain Speeches, my Body, and every Member thereof, from all ſinful Actions. Let all my Love, my Faith and Hope, my Delight and Confidence, only and always be in thee. Open my Heart to have pity upon my poor Brethren, give me the Gift of Chaſtity, that I may poſſeſs my Veſſel in Holineſs and Honour, and not in the leaſt Concupiſcence, and as the Heathen do, which know not God.

Give me, O Lord, Sorrow for my Sins, Thankfulneſs for thy Benefits, Fear of thy Judgments, and Love of thy Mercies: And teach me to bring up my Children, and govern my Servants in good Order and godly Diſcipline, according to thy Holy Ordinances; and becauſe by thy Grace I am what I am, let thy Demands be no greater than thou haſt given me Grace to perform. O Lord God, pardon and forgive all my Sins, and grant me Grace to live

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in thy Fear, and die in thy Favour, that I may rise to live with my blessed Lord Jesus, and evermore dwell with him in thy most glorious and joyful Kingdom, the only Thing I desire and hope for, through the Merits of the same Jesus Christ, thy only Son, and my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Wife's Prayer for her Husband, in Absence, or otherwise.

Psal. 37. 4. *Delight thy self also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the Desire of thy Heart.*

O Lord God, which hast made every marry'd Couple one Flesh, and hast ordained that they should be of one Mind and Judgment, and careful for one another, as Members one for another: I beseech thee, lead me and my Husband in the Way of thy Truth and Righteousness; govern all our Actions to thy Glory, the good of thy Church, and the Discharge of our Duties. Defend and deliver us (O Lord) from all Temptations, from all our Enemies, or from all Deceits and Dangers here or elsewhere.

Grant my Husband being Abroad, for to prosper in his Business, and send him a healthful and happy Return Home, that I (who without him am Sorrowful in my self, and should be a Stranger to the World if he were not) may with him live in the Estate of thine honourable Ordinance, in Peace and Comfort, and always, for thy great Mercy and Goodness, praise thy most Holy Name.

Grant us both Grace, O Lord, one to love and cherish the other; and to be faithful and dutiful towards the other; and give us both the Gift of

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Chastity and Sobriety, that both in Body and Life we may live a pure Life, bringing up our Children, and governing our Servants with godly Discipline and good Order, in and according to thy Holy Word.

O Lord, pardon and forgive both of us all our Sins, and grant us both Grace to love, honour, fear, and serve thee all the Days of this our miserable and sinful Life, that in this Life we may have Comfort in that which thou hast given us; and after our Death we may receive the Fruits of that Hope, which we have laid up in thy Mercies, through the Merits and Mediations of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Widow's Prayer.

Deut. 10. 18. *The Lord doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and Widow, and loveth the Stranger in giving him food and raiment.*

O Lord God, which art near touched with a care of the Afflicted, and despisest not the Widow when she poureth out her Prayers before thee; I beseech thee to have Compassion upon me, a poor and desolate Widow. And whereas the Bands of Death have made a Separation between me and my Husband, who was my Head, and the best Stay I had in this World next unto thee; I beseech thee, let me not take this Cross impatiently, but trust in thy Goodness, that nothing may be able to separate me from thee, [illegible] only Stay, and the Joy of my Soul. Preserve me, Lord, from the Paws of ravenous and greedy Cormorants, which lye in wait

wait to supplant the weakest, and devour our Houses under the pretence of Godliness, and colour of Right. Grant that in the Sight of all Governours and Judges, I may find favour, and equal dealing in my Suits and Complaints against all violent Oppressors.

Give unto all Men willing and ready Minds to do me good, and open their Hearts to help and pleasure me in all reasonable Demands: Provide for me by ministring Food and Raiment fit for my Estate; have pity upon me in all my Necessities, and stretch out thy Hand to deliver me.

Bless me as thou didst that poor Women of *Sarepta*, that that small Thing which thou hast given me, may serve to supply the necessary uses of me and mine; dispose the Hearts of my Children and Servants to Obedience, Peace and Holiness, that, I which am the weakest Vessel, deprived of him whose Countenance should have kept them in Awe, may be thy help, bring them up in Godly Discipline. Give me the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, that at all Times, and in all Afflictions I may trust in thee, and continue in Prayers and Supplications Day and Night, but such as befit a modest Matron, and the Handmaid of the Lord; for Jesus Christ's sake our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Prayer of Women with Child.

John. 16. 21. *A Woman when she is in Travail hath Sorrow, because her Hour is come.*

O Lord God, by whose Decree, for the Offences of our first Parents, we bare in our Womb, and bring forth Children in Pain and Sorrow, be merciful unto me, that now feel the Accomplishment of that Sentance in my self: And as thou hast vouchsafed me this Blessing, to conceive in my Womb that which thou hast wrought until this time; so grant that in due time, I may see the Fruit of my Body, safe, sound and perfect, without Blemish or Deformity.

Keep me, O Lord, from all untimely Birth, grant that through Prayer, Faith, and Patience, I may escape all sudden Fears, and unadvised Thoughts. Comfort me when I shall draw near unto my hard Labour, when I shall fall into those Terrors, Horrors and Pangs, which accompany that Hour, shew thy Mercy upon me and my Babe, that my Sins may be forgiven me, and that it may not be punished for my Offences: Give me Patience, that I be not too fearful and unruly, but that I may remember what Modesty beseemeth a Woman in those Dangers, and repose all my assiance in thee; O Lord, send me help, and preserve me, that I perish not.

Grant me, O Lord, safe Deliverance in due time, and make a joyful Mother when that Hour cometh; let not my Sins so many be called in Question either now, or at that Instant; but forget, O Lord, and forgive them; bless my poor Infant, and lodge it in the virtue of thy Covenant, and when thou shalt be pleased

pleased to call it into open Light, give me Wisdom and Strength to bring it up in thy Fear, and (as it were) to travail again with it, till it be born again unto a heavenly Life to thy greater Glory, and my further Joy, through Jesus Christ our only Lord. *Amen.*

The Midwife's Prayer.

Psal. 68. 35. *O God, wonderful thou art in thy holy Places; even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his People; blessed be God.*

O Lord God, which only hast power to take all Children out of their Mothers Wombs, and to bring them into the light of this World: I thy unworthy Servant, whom thou hast deputed to this great Business, for the Help and Comfort of many in their Extremities, do most humbly, on my bended Knees, beseech thee to vouchsafe me thy gracious Assistance in the same.

Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, and in all mine Actions let me have thy Fear before mine Eyes, that I may be careful both for Rich and Poor, to do Good and not Hurt; to save Life, and not to destroy. Help mine Infirmities and Imperfections, that I be neither too fearful nor too violent in doing my Duty; and grant me Skill and Judgment happily to finish every work that I shall undertake.

Give me, O Lord, an understanding and tender Heart, a ready, steady, and gentle Hand, a watchful Eye, and willing Mind. Mercifully look upon me, O Lord, that whensoever I shall be called to do my Office, either by Night or Day, to the Sick or to the Sound, I may be defended from all bodily

Harms,

Harms, and preserved from the infection of all contagious Diseases, by thy gracious Favour. Prosper, O Lord, the Works of my Hands, O prosper thou my Handy-works, that I may do all Things to thy Glory, the Comfort of all good Women, and mine own Credit, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer in time of Women's Travail.

Psal. 90. 16. *Let thy Work (O Lord) appear unto thy Servants, and thy Glory unto their Children.*

O Gracious God, and loving Father, of whom the whole Family of Heaven and Earth is Named, we beseech thee mercifully hear the Voice of all thy Hand-maids here assembled in thy Name, for the help of this our Sister in her Agony now approaching: Lord, look upon her in Mercy, mitigate the Judgment thou hast laid upon her, and all Women for Sin. Give her Courage of Heart and Strength of Body, to bear the Pangs of her Labour so fearful, hard and vehement. Sweeten them with the Drops of thy Mercy, and qualifie them by thy gracious Power: Pardon her Offences, and receive her Prayers.

Loving Father, give her Patience and Willingness to be advised and ordered by her Friends, in so great a Work; that she may remember, that as in Justice thou hast greatly increased her Sorrows and Conceptions, so it is thy Will to have a holy Seed brought forth into the World, which being sanctified by

by thy Grace, may be consecrated here to such godly Services as thou hast appointed, and afterwards made partaker of thy Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And therefore (O Lord) we pray thee bless her, and the Fruit of her Womb; let thy Mercy be no less shewed in the Birth, than in the Forming and Fashoning of that she beareth. Guide all our Hands that are about her, and lay to thy helping Hand with us. Give her an easy and speedy Deliverance. But if it be thy Will to lay any great Weight of thy Wrath upon her, according to thy Doom, yet, good Lord, we beseech thee let thy *Holy* Spirit so comfort her inwardly with thy Promises, made to all, and thy Goodness shewed to others, that neither her natural Frailty, nor the Temptations of Satan, nor the Extremities of her Throws, cause her to faint.

O Lord, we pray thee comfort her, help her, ease her, finish thy Work in her, O thou preserver of Mankind, that she being safely delivered, and her Babe preserved, they may both live, grow, and prosper in *Health* and Strength, to thy Will and Pleasure, and we altogether praise thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; In whose Name we conclude our Prayers, saying,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer after the Deliverance of Women.

Pſal. 127. 3. *Lo, Children are an Heritage of the Lord, and the Fruit of the Womb is his Reward.*

O Lord God, by whom all Men and Women are wonderfully and fearfully made, we give thee moſt humble Thanks, that in thy Judgment towards this our Siſter, thou haſt remembred Mercy, in giving her ſafe Deliverance, together with a comely Fruit of her Body: Good Lord, we pray thee continue thy great Goodneſs towards her, and keep her from all further Annoyance and Dangers of Childbed. Preſerve her Night and Day, ſleeping and waking, that ſo in her Time ſhe may be reſtored to her former *Health* and Strength, and walk in her Vocation, according to thy Will, with Thankſgiving.

Give thy Bleſſing to the Infant now born, that it may, in due Time, increaſe in all Wiſdom, Stature, and Favour with God and Men; that it may be Partaker of the ſacred Seal of holy Baptiſm, and be born a new by the holy Power of the Spirit; live a holy ſanctify'd Life in this World, and afterwards be made an *Heir* of everlaſting Life. O Lord, bleſs the Mother alſo for the Child's good, that ſhe may have Means and Strength to bring it up in thy Fear, and uſe all ſuch good Endeavours as become a careful and natural Mother.

Lord, give thy Grace to all us which have been Eye-Witneſſes of this thy Mercy and Goodneſs; and let this, and all other thy Works, daily put us in Mind to be thankful unto thee for our Creation,

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Preſervation, and all other thy good Gifts, to call upon thee, love and fear thee, walking in thy Sight, in all Sobriety, Chaſtity, and Godlineſs, from this Day forward for evermore, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

The Children's Prayer, in their Father's Life-time.

Prov. 10. 1. *A Wiſe Son maketh a glad Father; but a Fooliſh Son is the Heavineſs of his Mother.*

O Heavenly Father, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and of all that believe in him, endue me, I beſeech thee, with thy holy Spirit, that I may be a Babe of thy Heavenly Family, regenerated and made a new Creature in the ſame Chriſt Jeſus our Saviour. Make me by all Means to honour my Parents, after the Example of thy Son our Saviour, and not by any means to breed their Sorrow and Grief, that when thou ſhalt ſee it good to make me Ancient, and bleſs me with Children, then I may have Joy in them by their Obedience and Holineſs.

Joyn (O Lord) unto the Towardneſs of my Nurture, the Aid of thy Grace, that I be not ſeduc'd by falſe Teachers to Corruption, either in Faith or in Manners, but that all my Underſtanding and Conceits may tend to the good of my Soul, and the bettering of my Life.

Reſtrain (O Lord) the Untamedneſs of my Youth, which at this Time is wont to begin to ſhew it ſelf, that I never paſs the Limits of thy good Pleaſure. Keep me from wandring Concupiſcence and Idleneſs, from wicked Company and naughty Fellowſhip.

Forgive

Forgive me all the Misdemeanours which I have at any Time committed against thee and my Parents; and give me Ability and Grace to help them in their weakest Age, and greatest Need, remembring the Pains which my Mother endured for me, and the Charges of my Father. Make me obedient unto them, and all other my Betters, Teachers and Governours: Help me in all Dangers and Necessities, and grant me thy Favour all the Days of my Life, and thy Kingdom at the End, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Another Prayer of Children.

Psal. 37. 5. *Commit thy Ways unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.*

O Lord God, I beseech thee to lead my Parents in the Way of thy Truth and Righteousness, Govern all their Actions to thy Glory, the Good of the Church, and the Discharge of their Duties: Defend and deliver them from all their Enemies, and from all Deceits and Dangers; that I, who am a Child in Age, Understanding, and Discretion, may, by thy Godly Wisdom, Care and Painfulness, be brought up in all Godly Instructions, Nurture and good Order, and to live and serve thee in Righteousness and Holiness all my Days.

Grant me (O Lord) an obedient and dutiful Mind, not only towards my Parents, but to all such as it shall please them to make Instructors and Rulers over me, that I may submit my self to their Godly Admonitions and Government. Incline my Heart how

now in my tender Years to seek for Wisdom and good Learning with all Diligence. Preserve me from all evil Ways and lewd Company.

Mortifie (O Lord) the raging Lusts and Follies of Youthful Affections; O Lord pardon and forgive me all my Sins, that I may live in thy Fear, and die in thy Favour, and so receive the Inheritance of that Place, that thou in Heaven hast prepared for me, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Orphan's or Fatherless Child's Prayer.

Psalm 27. 10. *When my Father and Mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.*

O Lord God the Succour of all them that are in Distress, and Father of the Fatherless; I poor Orphan, by thine Appointment, deprived of my Parents, and chiefest Stay in this World; I beseech thee to hear my Desire, and to set thine Eyes upon me for Good. Have pity upon me, O Lord, and in all Perils and Necessities, stretch out thy helping Hand, and deliver me; appoint me faithful Patrons and Guardians, which will be touched with an earnest Care of my Welfare, that I may be brought up in thy Fear, unto every good Work.

Give me Grace to be obedient unto those that have the Over-sight of me, to hearken to good Counsel, to fear thee, and to avoid evil Company.

Grant that I may find Favour and upright Dealing at the Hands of them that have the Over-sight

of me, and before all others the Governours and Judges whatsoever. Let me not be oppressed by the Mighty, or seduced by the Crafty and Subtle: but deliver me from the greedy and devouring Cormorants, and dissembling Friends, that would make a Prey of me.

Let me not run to and fro to seek my Bread, but provide for me, O Lord, I pray thee, Food and Raiment, and so furnish me in this short Time of my Pilgrimage, that I may have a competent Living. Bless my Studies and Endeavours, encrease my Years and Knowledge, to fit always my Estate and Calling; direct me with thy Spirit, and bless me now and evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Scholar's Prayer.

Prov. 6. 23. *The Commandment is a Lamp, and the Law is Light; and Reproofs of Instruction are the way of Life.*

O Lord God, which hast said, If any Man lack Wisdom, let him ask it of God, which giveth unto all Men liberally, and reproacheth no Man, and it shall be given him; I beseech thee, breathe into my Soul the Spirit of Understanding, that in my Child-hood I may learn: And as I grow further into Years, I may practice the Study of those Things only that are agreeable to thy Laws. Have Mercy upon me, and lighten my Understanding, with the Beams of thy Divine Wisdom, that I may have Judgment to make the best Choice; Wit and Capacity to conceive, and Memory to retain and

and bear away all such good Things as I shall either hear or read.

Lord, Hew and square the rough Table of my Heart, prepare it and make it smooth, and fit to receive into it the Impressions of thy Divine Grace and Wisdom. Grant, that I may always carefully seek for the Pearls of true Knowledge, and obediently submit my self to all those that are my Teachers, and have the Oversight of me. Give me such a desire to attain unto Knowledge, that my Study, through thy working, may be pleasure unto me; and that I may not wilfully lose, or vainly bestow that precious Time which never can be called again. Pour into me thy holy Spirit, that all my Travail and Pains in Study being blessed by thee, I may plentifully reap the Fruit of my Labours, and be Thankful to thee.

O Loving Father, be thou my School-master to instruct me, and let all my Studies be referr'd to the right End, that I be neither infected with Heresy, nor Partaker of any Sect or Schism: Lord, when I shall have attained unto any Measure of Knowledge, let it not Puff me up to stand high in my own Conceit, or be proud of thy Gifts; but let me be wise unto Sobriety, and carry my self humbly, lowly, and modestly, and so order all my Studies and Endeavours, good Father, that I may firmly resolve, speedily perform, and constantly continue in doing any Thing that is agreeable to thy Will; that so every Thing may serve me for my Furtherance to a Godly and Vertuous Life, and the Discharge of a good Conscience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Soldier's Prayer.

Exod. 15. 3. *The Lord is a Man of War, his Name is Jehovah.*

O Lord God of Hosts, which teachest my Hands to Fight, and my Fingers to Battle, I humbly beseech thee to have Mercy upon me, that am subject to so many Dangers every Day, that I fall not before mine Enemies. Teach my Heart that I may truly fear my Sins, and worthily lament them before thy Majesty. And since I have undertaken this Service, not for any Gain to satisfy my Revenge or Blood, but in Obedience to my Prince, and to defend a righteous Cause, suffer me not (I beseech thee) to give my Members as Weapons of Unrighteousness unto Sin, but to look carefully unto my Ways, seeking to discharge my Duty towards thee, and to acquit my self in all Loyalty towards my Prince.

O Lord gird me with Strength, and make my Way upright; conduct me with thy Hand, encourage me with the Trumpet of thy Word; Arm me with Faith and Hope to Thee-ward, and strengthen me in the Combat; bless all our Company in our Attempts, and suggest unto us the best Means to save ourselves, and defeat the Purposes of our Enemies. Arm us with thy Grace, that we may valiantly Fight in thy Quarrel, make our Name fearful to our Enemies, and adorn thy Bride-Range us under the Ensigns of Truth and Honesty, that we be not given to those Vices which accompany the Wicked; the Affections, Inordinate Motions, and mercilesse Conflicts, which burden the Heart.

Lord, it's nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with few; Help us, O Lord, our God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name we go againſt this Multitude: O Lord, thou art our God, let not Man prevail againſt thee. Keep us, we beſeech thee, from Treaſon, Mutinies and Conſpiracies, either againſt our Prince or Captains; Lord, hear the Mourning of all Captives, detain'd in the hands of their Enemies, and work Means for their Deliverance; grant that it please thee at any Time to lay thine Croſs upon us, or other Ways to expoſe us to Death in the Field, then Lord keep us in thy Faith above, may Live and Die thy Soldiers, fighting the good Fight of Hope fix'd in thee, and Die in thy Favour, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

The Servant's Prayer.

1 Cor. 7. 22. *He that is called in the Lord, being a Servant is the Lord's Freeman.*

O Lord God, which has made us all one in Jeſus Chriſt, whether we be bound or free, I beſeech thee, grant me a contented Mind, that during the Time of my Bondage, I be not aſham'd of that Condition of Life wherein thou haſt placed me: Cloth me in the Livery of a true Chriſtian, and grant me always to bear the Mind of an honeſt Man.

Give me Grace to obey and be ſubject to my earthly Maſters with all Fear, whether they be Good and Courteous, or Evil and Froward, and to perform their Duties which croſs not thy Commandments.

Vouchſafe, O Lord, to ſend me an underſtanding Heart to manage my Buſineſs a-right, and make me

faithful withal, to be circumspect and diligent, to do all Things for the best: Grant me a single and true Heart, without Hypocrisy & Dissimulation, that I do not pass over my Years with an Eye-Service, as a Man-Pleaser, but justly and sincerely, that I may in my Time procure that Christian Liberty and Freedom which I serve for.

Lord, bless my Master in all his Affairs and Dealings; let him not be subject to any Danger or Wrong from others, not possess'd with any Thought of Cruelty towards them that Labour faithfully and truly for him. Strengthen my Body to perform that Business that I am appointed unto; and keep me from all Murmuring and Grudging against any of my Betters, and envious detracting from the Estimation of others.

Especially, O Lord, keep me from evil Company, that I be neither enticed to spend wastfully, nor embezel any Thing committed to my Custody, nor hearken unto the Persuasion of any such as will not well to my Lord and Master.

Send Peace and Quietness between me and my Fellows, that in Love and Kindness we may all, with one Heart and one Mind, constantly and cheerfully joyn together to follow our Master's Business and serve them; and after this Life become Freemen of the *New Jerusalem* in Heaven, in the blessed Company of all Faithful People, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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Eph. 6. 8. *Whatever good thing any Man doth, the same he shall receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Master, I do beseech thee, to lead me in the Way of thy Truth and Righteousness, Govern all mine Actions to thy Glory, the good of thy Church, and the Discharge of my Duty. Defend and deliver me, O Lord, from all Temptations, from all mine Enemies, and from all Deceits and Dangers.

Bless, O Lord, I beseech thee, my Lord, my Master and Mistress, with all heavenly Wisdom, and Understanding, and Godliness, and with Worldly Wealth and Happiness, that I, who am thy Servant, may by them, and under them, receive not only the Spiritual Food of my Soul, but also the Temporal Sustenance of my Body; doing my Service, not outwardly, as pleasing Men, but with Singleness of Mind from the Heart, as fearing Thee, O Lord my God, and thereby I may receive that Reward which thou hast promised.

Give me, O Lord, an Obedient and Dutiful Mind towards them, that I may Submit my self to their Honest and Lawful Commandments, and do them True and faithful Service, with all Humbleness and Patience.

Grant me Grace (O Lord) to frame my Life according to thy holy Word, Nourish mutual Love and Good-will between me and my Fellows, preserve

me from all evil Ways, Idle Company, and Idleness: Keep my Mind from all evil Thoughts, my Tongue from lewd and vain Speech, and my Body, and every Member thereof, from all sinful Actions: Mortifie in me all unchaste Lusts and Follies of youthful Affections: O Lord, pardon and forgive me all my Sins, and Vgliness and Grace to love, fear and serve thee in Holiness and Righteousness all my Days, that I may glorify thee in this World, and be partaker of thine in the World to come, through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Maid's Prayer.

BLessed Lord, which in former time hast not despised the low Estate of Hand-maids, when they sought unto thee, vouchsafe to lend thine Ear to the hearty Desires of me thy poor Servant; Consider, O Lord, that in the Labour of Body and and Mind, I am the weaker Vessel, of less Capacity and more Infirmity; and bestow upon my Youth much competent Strength, that I may grow in Stature, Wisdom and Favour, with God and Man: As I grow up in Years, so let me grow in Grace: Crown my Virginity with Chaste and Religious Thoughts, and my Husband with Godly Watchfulness, to wait for thy Coming with the wise Virgins: Give

Give me Grace to think always that a good Name, and an honest Reputation is better than any Dowry to an chaft Maid; Make my Behaviour meek, my Speech sober, my Body chaft, and keep me from lewd and wanton Company, that I partake not with them in their Follies. Order my Mouth to Pardon my Lose Passages, and by the power of thy Spirit, assist me in Work-days to avoid all Evil. Defend me from slanderous and lewd Tongues, fantazing Minds, and wicked Temptations, I beseech thee.

O Lord, make me Faithful and Trusty; Wise and Wary in ordering of such Goods as are committed to my Custody, by my Master or Mistress, Father or Mother; Marry me unto thee (O Lord) in Righteousness, in Judgment, in Mercy, and Compassion; and if it be thy Will hereafter to call me to the honourable Estate of Corporal Matrimony, make me follow *Rebeka* in Love, *Rebeka* in Wisdom, *Sara* in Faithfulness, and Obedience to my Husband, and all other worthy Matrons in Modesty and Honesty, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Mariner's Prayer.

Men to do their Business in, we beseech thee, that as thou hast ordained the Art of Navigation, for the Comfort and Security of Man, so thou wilt be pleased to bless us and our Labours, our Company, and the Goods that are under our Charge, against such dangerous, and perilous Casualties as our Trade is daily subject to.

And thou, Lord Jesus, who didst vouchsafe to travel by Ship, to preach out of the Ship, and in the Ship to work Miracles; and once to walk upon the Main as on dry Land, we pray thee still the raging of the Waters when they arise, put forth thy Hand and save us, when we shall be in Danger, as thou didst the one to thy Disciples, and all the Company in their Ship; and the other for thy Apostle, St. *Peter*, when he was in great fear, and ready to sink.

O Holy Ghost, which at the Creation of the Universe, didst graciously rest and move upon the Face of the Waters vouchsafe us a peaceable Voyage, and send us such Wind and Weather, as may serve us for a safe Passage, whither we are bound for our Business, and a joyful Return, that being done,

O blessed Trinity, one ever-living God, save us by Sea and Land, keep us in the violent Whirling of the Wind, in the Bitterness of Frost, Hail, Ice, and Snow, in the Dangers of Fire, and in the fearful Cracks and Flashes of Thunder and Lightning: Defend us from Pirates and all Robbers, which live upon the Spoil of the People, and Labours of honest Men; make good our Provision, both for Bodily Food and Furniture of our Ships. Furnish us, Succour us, Defend us, O God, thou Anchor of our Hope, for thy Mercy, and for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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The Prayer of one afflicted in Conscience for Sin.

Dan. 9. 19. O Lord, hear, O Lord forgive, O Lord hearken and do, defer not, for thy own sake, O my God.

O Merciful God, which, by the sending of thy Son into the World, hast brought to pass, that where Sin abounded, there Grace abounded much more: I, forlorn Wretch, disquieted in Mind, and afflicted in Conscience, for fear of thy Judgments upon my Sin, do, with bended Knees and Tears unfeigned, as a most humble Supplicant, beg and crave of thee some Succour and Relief. Open, O open the Gates of thy Mercy to the Greatness of my Miseries; may an abject Countenance witness my distressed Mind. My Spirit is sorrowful, my Heart is heavy, my Words are stop'd with Sighs, and my Plaints are wearied with Tears; to thee I hold up my Hands, to thee I lift up my Heart, to thee I Pray, requiring of thee Mercy. O Lord, what shall I desire of thee, that deserve nothing at thy Hands? What can I hope for, that am even hell? Lord, if thou hadst said, *Shall not my Soul be avenged of such an one as this?* Remember thy Promise elsewhere, *I will have Mercy on him that could find no Mercy*; and let it light upon me. If Satan presume, God hath forsaken him, think upon the Decree, for the Seed of the Woman

Woman, and the Power of thy Son's Passion, defeat all the Devices of the Devil against me.

O Lord, hear me speedily, for I do perish. I am out of Hope; my Conscience accuseth me, my Memory gives Evidence against me, and my Reason condemns me; my Spirit is weary of this Bondage, and I have bid my Life farewel. My Conscience is clogged; when I behold the bloody Wounds of my Soul, the Voice of Joy and Mirth is gone from me; I am deeply plunged in Discomfort; I have neither Words to appease thy Wrath, nor Patience to endure thy Indignation. I pray thee, therefore, send the Comfort of thy holy Spirit into my Heart, and strengthen my Faith, that I be not swallowed up with overmuch Heaviness. O Lord, let thy Mercy appear in thy Mercy; forgive me my Sins, the unhappy ground of all this Woe, and I am recovered of all mine Infirmities. Try not the Law with me, lest I come to Judgment. Sanctify all these good Means unto me wherein I seek Relief; as Prayer, Conference, Reading and Hearing of thy Holy Word. Moderate and mitigate my Vexation, increase Faith, establish Hope, grant Patience, and keep me from Despair. Take away this Cup from me, if it be thy Will, if not, suffer me not to be tempted above my Strength.

I have an humble and contrite Heart, O Lord, look upon me. I go Mourning all the Day long, and am like unto him that is at the Point to dye; O Lord, comfort me. Thou shalt not break a bruised Reed, spare me. O thou that delighteth not in the Death of a Sinner, revive me. Though my Heart condemn me, yet, good Lord, thou that art

are greater than my Heart, acquit me, relieve me, release me, and say unto my Soul, *I am thy Salvation.* Hearken, Lord, unto my Prayer, and grant me my Request, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The Sick Man's Prayer.

Naked came I out of my Mother's Womb, and naked shall I return thither.

O Loving Lord, and most holy Father, I, poor Wretch, thy Servant, seeing in this Sickness, which thou hast laid upon me, the Fruits of that Corruption and Transgression that is in me, and all Flesh, do most willingly submit my self to thy holy Ordinance, to bear this Cross, and to taste of this bitter Cup, which I have deserved, and much more, so that I may follow thee whither thou art gone.

Therefore, O Lord, since thou hast not yet called me to the Bar of Death, but sent thy Heralds to summon me to a Tryal, I beseech thee, look on me with thine Eye of merciful Pity, and help me in this Day of Visitation: Pour out thine Oyl of Grace into my wounded Conscience; purge my defiled Soul, forgive me all my Sins, and give me competent Comfort and Consolation in this Distress. Let me not Dye e'er I begin to Live; give me Time to Repent, and Occasion to Amend. But if thou wilt needs put any more of thy Wine of Correction into my festered Sores, lay no more, O Lord, upon me, than I shall be able to bear: Make good

good unto me that Goodneſs, which thou haſt granted me under the great Seal of thy Promiſe. Supply my Want, pardon my Sins, and arm me againſt all Temptations.

I offer here unto thee, O Lord, a Penitent Heart for the Time paſt, and promiſe, thro' thy Grace, Amendment, if it ſhall pleaſe thee to draw out the Thread of my Life any longer; yet neither deſire I the Countenance of this Mortality, nor a more ſpeedy Deliverance otherways, than as thou wilt. Lord, look not on my Merits, for they are either none, or not good; not upon my Life, for it hath been nought; but look upon Chriſt thy dear Son, who, from the Altar of the Croſs, cried unto thee on my behalf, and accept his Satisfaction for my Sins.

Arm me with Patience to take up my Croſs and follow thee, even to bear thy Viſitation willingly; and give me Strength by Faith, to reſiſt the Adverſary in the brunt of Temptations. With my Sorrow and Pain increaſe thy Grace, that when I am in my greateſt Agony, I may find Comfort; believing, and ſaying, with the holy Prophet, *My Fleſh faileth, and my Heart alſo. But God is the Strength of my Heart, and my Portion for ever.* O Lord, if thy Decree be gone forth, as it was to *Hezekiah*, that I ſhall die, and not live, give me Grace to put my Houſe in Order, that I may Depart with the more Peace: And when the Pangs of Death have ſhut up the Eyes of my Body, and taken away the Uſe of my Tongue, I beſeech thee, let the Eyes of my Soul ſtill be open, and look upon thee, ſo, that when I ſhall leave the Earth to the Earth, and my Body to the Grave, thine Angels may carry up my Soul

Soul into Heaven, and I may be Partaker of a joyful Resurrection, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be said at the Point of Death.

O Lord, my Time is at hand, my Soul is heavy even unto Death: Look down upon me, pour thine Oyl of Grace into my Heart, pardon my Sins, strengthen my Faith, shorten my Pains, and drive away Satan. Help me in this Conflict. Look upon thy Christ, he is my Saviour, and Redeemer. Come, Lord Jesus, welcome: Into thy Hands I commend my Soul. Take it, O Lord, take me, the Work of thy own Hands, and let me dye in thy Fear, and rise again in thy Favour, that I may come to thy Bliss, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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A General Thanksgiving to be used by all Men at all Times.

PSALM 86. 12, 13. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my Heart, and will glorify thy Name for evermore: For great is thy Mercy toward me.

O Blessed Lord, and ever-living God, whose Mercy is over all thy Works, and whose Ears are open to receive Prayers, and whose Hands are ready to give all deserved Graces for Grace [illegible] that have been bolpen, healed, [illegible] by thy holy Hand, do pour forth [illegible] thee, that I may neither unprofitably [illegible] thy Benefits, nor ungraciously forget [illegible] Judgments, who, both in one and the other, hast been beyond all measure to gracious unto me. I thank thee, O Lord, for all the External and Internal Graces bestowed upon me, the Spiritual and Corporal, the Celestial and Terrestrial Blessings which I have received.

And in Earthly Matters, O Lord, I acknowledge my self deeply bound under thee, for my Being, Breathing, Life and Motion; that thou hast made me of a more noble Nature than the rest of the Creatures, created me after thine own Image, endued me with Reason, furnishing me with excellent Faculties of Mind, and perfect Senses.

And I give thee Thanks, O Lord, that thou hast given me a Body sound and [illegible] from great Infirmities,

A general Thankſgiving to be uſed by all Men at all Times.

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O Bleſſed Lord, and ever-living God, whoſe Mercy is over all thy Works, and of whoſe Fulneſs we have all received Grace for Grace; I, poor *Samaritan*, that have been holpen, healed, and honoured by thy holy Hand, do pour forth my Heart unto thee, that I may neither ungratefully remember thy Benefits, nor ungraciouſly forget thy ſevere Judgments, who, both in one and the other, haſt been beyond all meaſure ſo gracious unto me. I thank thee, O Lord, for all the External and Internal Graces beſtowed upon me, the Spiritual and Corporal, the Celeſtial and Terreſtrial Bleſſings which I have received.

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And I give thee Thanks, O Lord, that thou haſt given me a Body ſound, and ſo free from great Infirmites,

firmities, and hast set me in a Calling so fit for my Condition, and given me such a competent Estate, that thou hast preserved me from so many Harms, in such dangerous Accidents as by Sickness, Thunder, Lightning, Plague, Pestilence, Fire, Water, by Sea and Land, attempted or intended against my Body, Goods, or Goodness, and delivered me out of so many Troubles and Vexations as I have fallen into.

O Lord, how am I bound unto thee, that thou hast sent me many kind Friends, and that I live in such honest Reputation among my Neighbours; that I have such Liberty of such seemly Recreation, such Quietness of Life, such Opportunities of Well-doing; and thy Angels by thine Appointment, to protect and safe-guard me in all my Ways.

These Things, O Lord, I confess, I am unworthy of by thy Goodness; whereas there be many that have not found the like Favour at thy Hands, blessed be thy Name therefore: And yet, O Lord, thou hast been much more Gracious unto me, thy spiritual Favour, and thy Celestial Blessings exceed all these. Therefore, as I am bound, so much more I bless thee that thou didst elect me before all Worlds to Glory: That thou didst work my Redemption by the Blood of Christ Jesus on his dear Passion; that I was born in the Light of the Gospel, to know thee, and through Satisfaction in thee, save me by the Grace to take upon me the Profession of the Truth, to abandon all Superstition and Heresy, to do Good to any, and to do any Thing that may do Good, either Publick or Private, and in some measure, to keep my self unspotted from the World.

Oh!

O! What shall I give unto my Lord, that hath done all great and mighty Things for me? O Lord, I give thee Thanks, that thou hast given me such an honourable Calling and Vocation of Christianity, and that thou hast incorporated me a Member of thy Church, giving me such a gracious Portion of Faith, Hope, Love, Zeal, Patience, Peace, Joy, the Beginnings of Regeneration.

What am I, O Lord, that thou hast granted me such Things? To receive such Profit by the preaching of thy Word, and the Privilege of thy Blessed Sacrament? To be washed with thy Blood, to sit at thy Table, and to feed on thee, the everliving Bread?

These I thank thee for; and for these also, even my Part, which I have in the Communion of Saints, for the Benefit which I have of their Prayers in the Church Militant, the Aid of their Counsels, with the Pleasure and Comfort of their Examples, for the bettering of my Life; that thou hast given me a Care to use a good Conscience in dealing in this World, and an earnest Desire to continue so still, yea, rather to grow better.

Neither shall I forget, O Lord, thy Mercy and Patience towards me, that thou hast granted me so long and so large a Time of Repentance, and hast vouchsafed me therein to have thy Son Jesus Christ, for my Mediator, by whose Intercession my Prayers have Access unto thee, and receive their Answer. And so do any thing that may [illegible] Publick or Private, and in some measure, to keep my self unspotted from the World.

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I praise thee, and glorify thee, I worship thee, I magnify thy Blessed Name, O Lord, by whose Goodness I want Nothing fit for a Christian, nor any thing that may fit me for Heaven; where I thank thee for making so glorious a Provision, and such a glorious Preparation for my Soul in Heaven, whither, I beseech thee to bring me, O my God, in thy due Time; and in the mean time to continue thy Goodness unto me, for Jesus Christ's sake, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the Delivery of the King's Majesty, and the State of Parliament, from the Gun-Powder Treason, *Novemb.* 5. *An.* 1605.

Psal. 30. 12. *For this shall every good Man sing of thy Praise; O my God, I will give Thanks unto thee for ever.*

O Almighty God, great in Mercy, and wonderful in Judgment, who by the Instinct of Nature, and Charge of holy Scripture, hast taught us, that great Deliverances ought to have perpetual Remembrances; we, miserable Sinners, whose corrupt Nature and vile Actions have deserved, by extraordinary Punishments, to be made a Spectacle to the World, and to Angels, and to Men, do humbly acknowledge thy Love and Long-sufferance, in delivering us from many heavy Judgments which might

might justly have been brought upon us, and our chiefest Delights.

O Lord, we have heard with our Ears, and our Fathers have declar'd unto us what thou didst in former Times for this Kingdom and Nation, Prince and People, how thou didst defeat the Force of the Enemy's Armies, and subdue their Religion, and not by the shot of Dice, and prevent the Stab of Dagger, and overthrow the invincible *Armado*. And now, Lord, for us the Father to the Children, and Old to Young, shall report how thou didst discover and disappoint that woful Tragedy, bloody Massacre, and remediless Destruction, which was ready to be brought upon us and our Nation, by thine own and our Enemies, the Abettors and Worshippers in the Church of *Rome*.

O Lord, we tremble to think upon it, how unjustly they intended to take us away before our Time, by secret conveying of fearful Gun-Powder, cover'd with Iron, Wood, and Coals, ready to put Fire under a dark Vault under the House of Parliament, a Place of State, against a present Sitting.

O God, we were without all Means to fore know such a Misery, and without all Judgment to understand such a Misery, hadst not thou of thy great Love to true Religion, and Mercy to us, given Means to discover it to us. Yea, thou in thy Power didst make their own Pens covertly to describe it, and, with thy Spirit, didst inspire the Heart of our King justly to suspect it, whereby it was revealed. Thou art our God, and our Hearts shall be thy Habitation, our Father's God, and we will exalt thee.

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O Lord, if this had not been, we had been Blown-up, we had been Smother'd, we had been Difmember'd, we had been Perfecuted; we had been Undone, all and fome fearing thy Name, thy Poor Commonalty, the worthy Gentry, the judicious Lawyer, the reverend Judge, the true Nobility, the learned Clergy, and the Great Council of thy, our King; yea, our King and his Queen, and all the Royal Progeny, the moft honourable Affembly of Chriftendom fitting in their Space, for the Continuance of thy Truth, and Good of the Realm.

Wherefore, good Lord, feeing thou doft bring us to the Grave's Mouth, but haft not given us over unto Death, we have Imprinted in our Minds the Horror of the Danger, and carried in our Souls due Thankfulnefs for the Refcue; and therefore we praife thee, we bleis thee, we worfhip thee, we glorify thee; and all humble Thanks, and Honour, and Power, we afcribe unto thee, for this thy gracious Preiervation. And we beleech thee, O Lord, ftill lend thy helping Hand to this Kingdom, and thy Affiftance to the Gofpel, and ever bleis the Perfons and Conftitutions of that High Court with Holinefs and Safety, that we may enjoy our Lives and Livings, our Religion, our King and Queen, and their Off-fpring after them in Profperity, to our Comfort and thy Glory, to whom we offer our felves, our Souls and Bodies, to be at thy Service for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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A Comprehensive Prayer.

MOST Glorious and Eternal Lord God, who art of purer eyes than to behold the least Iniquity with the least Approbation; we, thy poor Creatures, do confess that we are vile and miserable Sinners; being conceived in Sin; by Nature Children of Wrath, and Transgressors from the Womb. All we, like Sheep, have gone Astray, and turned every one to his own Way. Thou madest us, not we our selves; and blessed be thy Holy Name, thou hast been very gracious to us, giving us many Comforts of this Life, and the Means to bring us to Eternal Life. But though we should have glorified thee with our Souls and Bodies, as being thine, and whatsoever we did should have been done to thy Glory, and to please thee in the obeying of thy Will, yet we have displeased and dishonour'd thee, and turned from thee; exalting, seeking, and pleasing our selves. Thou art the King of all the World, and thy Laws are holy, just, and good; But we have denied thee our true Subjection and Obedience, being Unruly, Self-willed, minding the Things of the Flesh, and making Provision for its Lust. We have stagger'd at the Word through Unbelief, and have not fully placed our Trust and Hope in thee. We have rather feared Man that is Dust, and can but kill the Body, than thee that canst destroy both Soul and Body in Hell. Thou art infinitely good, and Love it self, yet have we not fully taken thee for our Portion, nor loved thee with all our Hearts, and Souls, and Might, nor made thee our full Desire and Delight.

But we have immediately loved our selves, and the World, and the things of the World, and lived by Sense, when we should have lived by Faith; and have not laboured for the Meat that perisheth, when we should have laboured for the one Thing needful, and that which endureth to everlasting Life. We have been sinful Servants, yielding to Temptations ahead of our Duty, to forget our present Duty, when we should have been diligent in Spirit, serving the Lord, redeeming the Time, and with Diligence making sure our Calling and Election. We have not, with true Holiness and Reverence, drawn near to thee, and called thy holy Name, thy Worship, and thy Day. We have dishonoured and disobeyed our Superiors, and neglected our Infants: We have been guilty of not loving our Neighbours as our selves, and not doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; but have fought against one even against their Welfare, not forbearing and forgiving, not loving our Enemies as we ought, not following Peace, not studying to do good to all, according to our Power. We have sinned secretly and openly in Thought, Word, and Deed, ignorantly and presumptuously, in Passion, and upon Deliberation, against thy Precepts, Promises, and Threats; against thy Mercies and thy Judgments; under thy Patience, and in thy Sight, against our Consciences, our Purposes, and our Covenants. When we were hasting to Death and Judgment, for which, through all our Lives, we should have prepared. Thou hast commended thy wonderful Love towards us, in giving thy Son to die for Sinners, to reconcile us to thee, while we were Enemies; and all Things being

being made ready, thou hast sent thy Messengers to invite us to come in, preaching to us the glad Tidings of Salvation, and freely offering to us Pardon and Life in Jesus Christ; but we have made light of it, and made Excuses for our long Delays, undervaluing our Redeemer, his Blood and Merits, his offer'd Grace and endless Glory, rejecting his holy Doctrine and Example, resisting his Spirit, Ministers and Word. We have sinned, O Lord, against thee, and against our own Souls, and are not worthy to be called your Children: We have deserved everlasting Wrath, to us belongs Confusion, but Mercy and Forgiveness unto thee. Have Mercy upon us, O God, according to the Multitude of thy Mercies. Heal our Souls that have sinned against thee, and enter not into Judgment with thy Servants. Hide thy Face from our Sins, and blot out all our Iniquities. Cast us not away from thy Presence, and avenge not upon us the Quarrel of thy Covenant. Wash us in the Blood of the Lamb of God, who taketh away the Sins of the World. Accept us in thy beloved Son, who was made a Curse for us, and was wounded for our Transgressions. Turn us, O God of our Salvation, and cause thy Face to shine upon us. Give us Repentance unto Life, cause us to loath our selves for all the Evils that we have committed. Give us that broken and contrite Spirit, which thou wilt not despise. Create in us a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within us. Take out of us the old and strong Heart, give us the Spirit of thy Son, and be our God, and let us be thy People. Enlighten our Understandings, to know the wonderful Things of thy Law, the Dimensions of thy Love in Christ, the Mysteries of thy Kingdom, and the Riches of the

Glory of thy Inheritance in the Saints, and that we may approve the Things that are excellent, and may escape the Snares of the Devil, and may hate every false Way. Shed abroad thy Love in our Hearts by thy Holy Spirit, and cause us so to love thee, that nothing may separate us from thy Love. Put thy Fear into our Hearts, that nothing may ever part us from thee. Cause us to sanctify thy Kingdom, and thy Righteousness, and to make that are risen with Christ, to seek the Things that are above, and to lay up our Treasure in Heaven; and let our Hearts and Conversations be there. Mortify our Earthly Members and Desires. Crucify the World to us, and us unto the World, by the Cross of Christ. Cause us to live by Faith, and look at the Things that are unseen, and use the World as not over-using it, seeing the Fashion of it passeth away. Strive to enter at the strait Gate, and running as a Christian, that we no longer live the rest of our Time to the Lust of Men, but to the Will of God, studying in all Things to please thee, and to be accepted of thee. Let us not seek our own Will, but the Will of him that called us. Yea, it is our Delight to do thy Will, O God, let our Delight be in thy Law, and let us meditate therein Day and Night. Cause us to deny Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, and to live soberly, and righteously, and godly in this present World; as obedient Children, not fashioning our selves to the former Lusts of our Ignorance; but, as he that hath called us is holy, let us be holy in all manner of Conversation. Cause us to love one another with a pure Heart, fervently forbearing and forgiving one another, if any have a Quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave us, so do ye. Give us the Wisdom, which is first pure, and then peace-

peaceable. In our Eyes let a vile Person be contemned, but let us honour them that fear the Lord. Cause us not to walk circumspectly without Offence, and to be zealous of good Works, to love our Enemies, and not to give Place to Wrath, and in Patience to possess our Souls. Help us to deny ourselves, and so take up our Cross and follow Christ, esteeming his Reproach to be greater Riches than the Treasures of the World, that having suffered with him, we may also be glorified with him.

Thou knowest we must be tempted, help us to overcome and be faithful unto the Death, and then let us receive that Crown of Life. Abound in Goodness and Mercy to all thy People. Exalt the Throne of thy Son, and pull down the Power of Satan. Bless all Christian Kings and Governours, ruling them to rule in thy Fear and Love, and to become great in Faith, Instruments for the good of the World. Support the Sorrowful, and deliver the Distressed. Do for us, ours, and the whole Israel of God, more than we can ask or think, in and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom with thee, O Father, and thy holy and blessed Spirit, be all Honour and Praise, Love and Service, now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer.

O Eternal and Almighty Lord God, who doſt from thy Throne behold all the Dwellers upon Earth, hating Sin, but not deſiring the Death of a Sinner. What are we, vile Creatures, ſinful Duſt and Aſhes, that we ſhould draw near to holy a God as thou art? We are a Lump of Sin, a Maſs of Corruption, a Seed of Evil-doers. We have ſinned againſt thee, O Lord: Oh! how wickedly have we done! From the corrupt Fountain of our Hearts, have continually iſſued forth ſuch poyſonous Streams as have infected thoſe about us with Impurity. We are condemned of our ſelves, having given heed to Vanity and Lies, and walked at a diſtance from thee, and the Things of our own Peace. We have been convinced of our Duties, and have not done them of our Sins, and have not left them. Sin and the World hath ſo blinded our Judgments, that we have not diſcerned our own Good, ſo that we have been willing to be Miſerable, and unwilling to be Happy. We have not firmly believed thy Goſpel, nor owned Chriſt in all his Offices, nor approached thy Preſence with due Reverence. We have ſtrayed from thy Ways, and followed the Devices of our own Hearts. We have committed the Evil thou condemneſt, and omitted the Good which thou haſt commanded: We have deſpiſed thy Counſel, contemned thy Mercy, and turned our Backs both upon thy Law and Goſpel. We have ſwelled with Pride, been unprofitable in Converſe, neither been thankful for Benefits, nor improved by Means or Afflictions. All our ſeeming Goodneſs, like the Morning-dew, hath ſoon paſſed away:

away: We have not longed for Communion with thee, nor striv'd as we ought against our Lust, nor been sincere in our Performance; nor sighed for the Abomination committed against thee. We have no always served the End for which thou didst create, and hast preserved us. We have committed Iniquity with a high Hand, not fearing thee, but making our Faces harder than a Rock, as though we would reproach the Lord, and, as if we were at an Agreement with Hell.

O, how justly mayest thou, for all our Abominations, punish us with everlasting Destruction from thy Presence! But spare us, good Lord, according to the greatness of thy Mercy, and deal not with us after our Sins. Look upon our Mediator and his Redemption, and in the Multitude of thy Mercies wash away all our Sins with his Blood; Say unto us, *Be of good cheer, your Sins are forgiven you.* O give us Second Repentance, that we may recover our Souls out of the Snare of the Devil. Open thou our Eyes, and so order our Steps, that we may walk in the Path of thy Commandments.

Let us not from henceforth walk as the Gentiles, who are alienated from the Life of God through the Ignorance that is in them, but to put off, concerning the old Conversation, the old Man, which is corrupt according to deceitful Lusts, and to be renewed in the Spirit of our Minds, putting on the new Man, which, after God is created in Righteousness and true Holiness. Teach us always to do the things which please thee, and not to do any thing which may make our Hearts to ach. Let our rejoycing be this, even the Testimony of our Consciences, that in Simplicity and godly Sincerity, we have had

our Conversation in the World. From Pride, Hypocrisy, Malice, Uncharitableness, Blindness of Mind, and Contempt of thy Word, good Lord deliver us. Cleanse us from our secret Faults, keep back thy Servants also from presumptuous Sins; teach us to live by Faith, to pray, and the World, and be more resolute against Temptations. Keep us by thy Power, through Faith, unto Salvation; and let us do, from our Hearts, whatever thou commandest us. Grant us to seek thy Glory, to be vile in our own Eyes, to deny our corrupt Inclinations, and to submit both to what thou appointest, and to what thou approvest. Let our Conversation be without Covetousness, that we may be content with such things as we have. O grant that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all well-pleasing, being fruitful in every good Work, and encreasing in the knowledge of God. Make us quiet and useful in the World; doing to others as we would that they should do to us. Let us no longer be lovers of Pleasure more than lovers of God. Give us to possess our Vessels in Sanctification and Honour, to prepare for Sickness, Death, and Judgment, to abound in Patience, Meekness, and Temperance, and to hold on in thy Ways unto the End of our Days. We Sinners do beseech thee to hear us, and to write thy Law in our Hearts, and to settle us firmly in thy Service. Give us true Thankfulness for all Mercies, Spiritual and Temporal, Personal and National. And herein we bless thee, that when these Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland* were under great Trouble, and the Sword, thou didst not give us over to Famine, Pestilence, and all kind of Calamity, but didst quietly bring us to a Peace, when thou mightest have utterly destroyed us for our Sins. And seeing thou hast pleased so mercifully and remarkably to give

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unto us, thy Servants, our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE; O God, write a Law of Thankfulness upon his Heart, and give him to walk in thy Way, to defend thy Faith, and to seek thy Glory, both in this World, and in that to come. Be gracious to his Royal Highness, GEORGE, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; enrich them with thy heavenly Grace, prosper them with all Happiness, and crown them with endless Favours. Counsel his Majesty's Councellors, make the Judges just, honour the Nobility and Gentry with Wisdom and Vertue, cause inferiour Magistrates to execute good Laws. Let the Ministers of thy Word be faithful Labourers in thy Vineyard. Give to the whole Commonalty of the Land, Religious Hearts towards thee, Loyal Hearts towards the King, and Loving Hearts to one another; and so let Grace and Tranquility be continued to us and future Generations. Which Blessing, with whatever else thou, in thy infinite Wisdom, knowest necessary for us, we pray thee grant, for the sake alone of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose blessed Name and Words we continue Praying, as he hath taught us, saying,

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread, and forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Hymn appointed by the Church to be said or sung after the holy Communion, turned into ordinary Verse of the Psalms.

Psalm XVIII.

ALL Glory to God on high,
And Peace on Earth likewise;
Good Will to'ards Men eternally,
By Christ his Sacrifice.
O God the Father, heavenly King,
We Praise and Worship thee;
We Glorify thee, we give Thanks,
O Lord, for thy great Glory.

O Lord, O Lord, O Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son,
Only Begot the Wisdom true,
By whom all Things were done.
O Lamb of God that tak'st away
All the Sins of the World,
By Guiltless Death on cursed Cross,
Have Mercy on us, Lord;
O thou that tak'st away the Sins
And Errors of the World,
By guiltless Death on cursed Cross,
Receive our Prayers, Lord.

O thou that sitt'st on God's Right Hand,
The Father Eternal,
And dost our Weakness understand,
Have Mercy on us all.
For thou only deserv'st the Name,
Thou, even thou alone,
And thou only, O Jesus Christ,
Thou, with the Holy Ghost,
In Glory, of the Father, art
Most high, advanced most *Amen.*

Short

Short Graces for Thankſgivings for the Table, to be uſed in private Sittings, and publick Meetings, by Children and others.

Before Meat.

ALmighty Lord, who, with thy Bleſſing, filleſt every Want; and who, of thy Bounty, feedeſt both Man and Beaſt; Bleſs us, and theſe thy good Creatures which thou haſt now appointed to be Food for our ſinful Bodies; that, as they are manifeſt Tokens of thy Providence towards us, ſo they may be wholeſome Nouriſhments for our Weakneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After Meat.

ALmighty God, which haſt mercifully heard our Prayers, and at this preſent Liberality fed us; we give thee humble Thanks for thy Goodneſs, beſeeching thee ſo to direct us, from henceforth with thy Grace, that, after this Life, we may be Partakers of thy heavenly Table, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Before

Before Meat.

ALmighty God, on whom all Eyes attend, and receive what is fit for them, in due Season, we beseech thee to bless these things which thou hast now given unto us for Meat; and let the Dew of thy Grace strengthen them for our Nourishment. Thy Mercy pardon our Sins, and thy holy Hand defend us from all Evil, this time and for evermore. *Amen.*

After Meat.

O Lord God, which hast now given us Power to eat of the Fruit of our Labours, and plentifully feedest us with thy hidden Treasure, receive our Thanks, and grant us that sacred Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness. Give us the Peace of a good Conscience, a true Faith, charitable Minds, and love unfeigned one towards another, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

Before Meat.

O Heavenly Father, without whose Mercy the most Provident hath not a morsel of Bread, and of whose Goodness cometh the Royal Banquet of *Darius*, and all other Abundance; we confess that thou hast here given us more than we can deserve, and we beseech thee to remove from us all abuse of thy Gifts, that our Hearts and Minds being sanctified

fied to Moderation and Sobriety, we may only eat to live; and living, labour to attain the Bread of Life, for the Sustentation and Salvation of our Souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After Meat.

O Heavenly Father, though we eat and drink, yet our Life standeth not in that Foundation. We bless thy holy Name for thy Goodness, beseeching thee to pity every one of us in our several Vocations, to knit our Hearts unto thee, that we may fear thy Name; to remove the Judgments which we have deserved, and at last give us Life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Before Meat.

O Lord Jesus, who, for the Comfort and Relief of the Company, at Cana in *Galilee*, didst not only adorn it with thy gracious Presence, but also turnedst Water into Wine; Be present, we beseech thee, among us here, and bless our Meats and Drinks, which are the Gifts of thy Liberality, that bolleming them with Moderation and Thanksgiving, they may become wholesom Nourishments to our mortal Bodies. *Amen.*

After Meat.

O Lord Jesus, the celestial Bridegroom of the Universal Church, we bless thy holy Name for this our friendly Meeting, and all other Comforts both of our Bodies and Souls: Bless this Day's Work, thy

thy holy Ordinance in thy Servants, forgive us all our Sins, and make us thankful for thy Benefits, and hopeful of thy Mercies, and fearful of thy Judgments, this Day and evermore. *Amen.*

Before Meat.

O Gracious God, which didst multiply the small Provision of the poor Widow at *Sarepta*, and madest wholsom the dangerous Meat of thy Children at *Gilgal*, mercifully supply all our Wants, increase and bless our Store, and grant us thy Grace all the Days of our Life, thro Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After Meat.

O Gracious God, who art only able, as to make a great Harvest of few Grains, so a great Feast of few Loaves, We give thee Thanks that thou hast thus satisfied us with so small Provision; beseeching thee to continue thy powerful Assistance to us, that in this Life we may always have a compleat Stay for our Bodies, and in the Life to come a permanent Kingdom for Body and Soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Before Meat.

THE Bread of Life, the Staff of Bread,
God grants us all thro daily need,
The Staff of Bread to hold this Life,
The Bread of Life our Souls to feed;
The Bread of Life is Christ our Lord,

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The Lamb of God the Spring of Good,
The Staff of Bread Christ doth afford,
By putting Strength into our Food.
O Blessed Bread, dear God, Life's Lord,
Bless all that's at, and on this Board.

After Meat.

O GOD gave *Elias* Meat at first,
And *Israel* Manna in Desart fed,
The People that did follow Christ,
He Miracle in Mercy did,
And when we Want we seek and find,
And what we have increas'd more,
Our Meat suffering to our Mind,
Where God doth give, and bless the Store.
Blessed be God that hath our Hunger staid,
And giv'n us every one our Daily Bread.

Before Meat.

AS did *Elias* weary in his Way,
And Christ our Lord, (oft as he did eat;)
So let us ask of God, desire and pray,
To guide our Hearts and Ways, and bless our Meats.
Amen.

After Meat.

GOD, that *Elias* by the Raven fed,
And nourish'd *Daniel* in the Lyon's Den,
And filled Thousands with five Loaves of Bread,
And us hath satisfied, be Praised.
Amen.

A Supplication of the Author for all.

O Eternal Majesty, (a) unto whom all Flesh shall come, which seest (b) we know not what to pray for as we we ought, yet hast (c) accepted these my weak and worthiless Meditations, to conceive and bring forth these continual (d) Supplications and Prayers, and Thanksgivings (e) blessed be thy Name, (f) Glory be to thee, and (g) Thanks for thine unspeakable Gift: And I humbly beseech thee, when any of thy dear Saints shall (h) bow their (i) Knees to thy Majesty, (k) lifting up their Hands toward thy holy Oracle, (l) opening their Mouths to beg thy Favour, then, O thou (m) God of Glory, (n) the Father of Mercies, (o) hear thou in Heaven, thy Dwelling-place, and do according to all that they shall call unto thee for, and set the (p) Angel of thy Covenant, thy Son Jesus Christ, (q) offer thee the holy Incenses with their Prayers before before thee. (r) O thou Preserver of Men, and the Holy Ghost thy Spirit, (s) help their Infirmities

a *Isa.* 65. 63.
b *Reg.* 8. 28.
c *Psal.* 19. 24.
d 1 *Thes.* 5.
e *John* 1.
f *Prov.* 11.
g 1 *Cor.* 9. 15.
h *Col.* 1. 2.
i *Eph.* 3. 14.
k *Psal.* 1. 8.
l *Jud.* 11. 25.
m *Acts* 1. 3.
n 1 *Cor.* 1. 3.
o 1 *Kin.* 8. 13.
p *Mal.* 3. 1.
q *Apoc.* 3.
r *Job* 7.
s *Rom.* 8.

Infirmities in their Prayers, and make Intercession for them: O Lord, (t) grant Peace unto *Israel*, (u) send Help unto *Jacob*, (w) hear these Prayers and Supplications, O Lord my God. *Amen*, and *Amen*.

t *Psal.* 125. 5.
u *Psal.* 1. 4.
w 1 *Kings* 8.

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